

2023 YAMPA BASIN RENDEZVOUS

Snows, Flows, and Drought: Managing for Western Water Resilience



Thursday, June 1 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 2 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Allbright Auditorium, Colorado Mountain College, Steamboat Springs, CO



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DAY 1 WELCOME & PANEL 1: LOW-TO-NO SNOW FUTURE

Thursday, June 1 • 9:00-10:50 a.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Joe Neguse

U.S. Representative for Colorado's 2nd Congressional District

MODERATOR

Cara Piske

Airborne Snow Observatories

SPEAKERS

Mu Xiao

Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes

Joel Atwood

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Kent Vertrees

Steamboat Powdercats and Friends of the Yampa

PANEL 2: ADAPTATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPACITY

Thursday, June 1 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

MODERATOR

Aireona Raschke

CSU Center for Collaborative Conservation

SPEAKERS

Daniel Boyes

Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

Melanie Kilpatrick

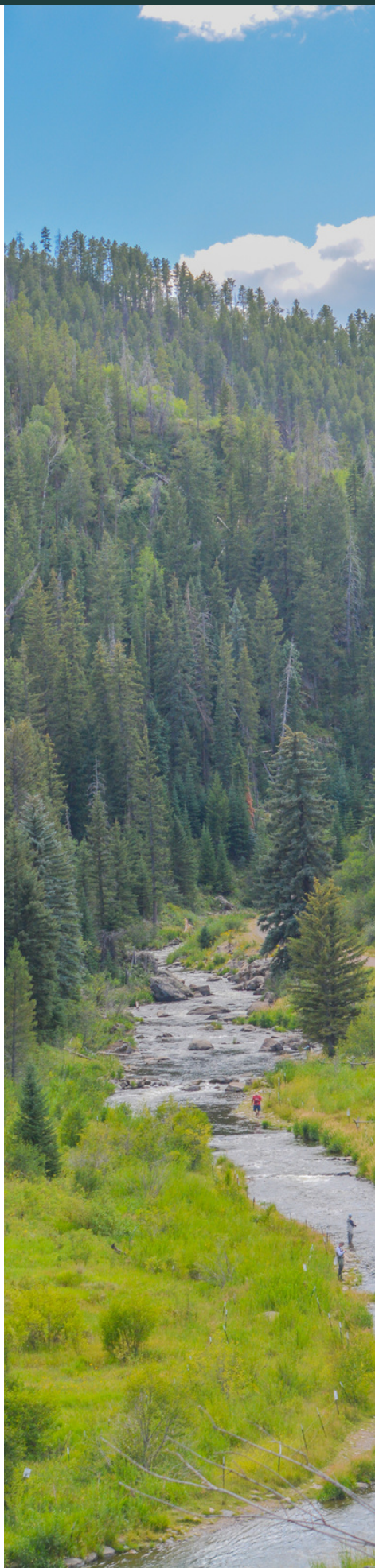
City of Craig, Colorado

Field Excursion: Watershed, Forest Health and Wildfire

Description: Join us at the Fish Creek Falls Water Treatment Plant for a discussion on watershed, forest health and wildfire with partners from the US Forest Service, City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado State Forest Service and Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District.

Time: 1:30-4 p.m. (Includes travel time)

Location: 3310 Clearwater Trail, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487



Join us for an evening with Erica Gies:

Water Always Wins

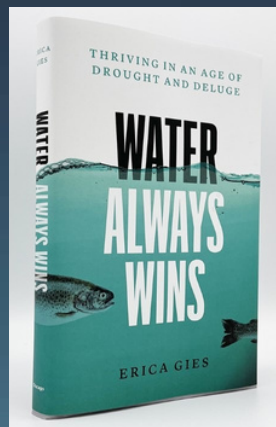
Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge



Thursday, June 1, 6-7:30 pm

Doors Open @ 5:30 pm

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Register Here!



A special event co-hosted by the Yampa Basin Rendezvous & Friends of the Yampa. Join us for the [2023 State of the Yampa](#), keynote [Erica Gies](#), and an afterparty film, *Wild Rivers with Tillie*. Books for sale by Off The Beaten Path. Food & cold bevies available!



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UPPER YAMPA WATER
—CONSERVANCY DISTRICT—

DAY 2 WELCOME & PANEL 3: PRESERVING COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE THROUGH WATER RESILIENCY

Friday, June 2 • 9-10:50 a.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Carrie Besnette Hauser

Colorado Mountain College

MODERATOR

Jennifer Wellman

The Nature Conservancy

SPEAKERS

Celene Hawkins

The Nature Conservancy

Beatriz Soto

Conservation Colorado

Darwin Whiteman

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

PANEL 4: SLOW WATER SOLUTIONS

Friday, June 2 • 11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

MODERATOR

Erica Gies

Author of "Water Always Wins"

SPEAKERS

Jackie Corday

Corday Natural Resources Consulting

Cheryl Cwelich

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

Field Excursion: Natural Climate Solutions

Description: Join us at Elkhead Creek Ranch for a tour of riparian restoration projects with the O'Neal family and project partners including the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council.

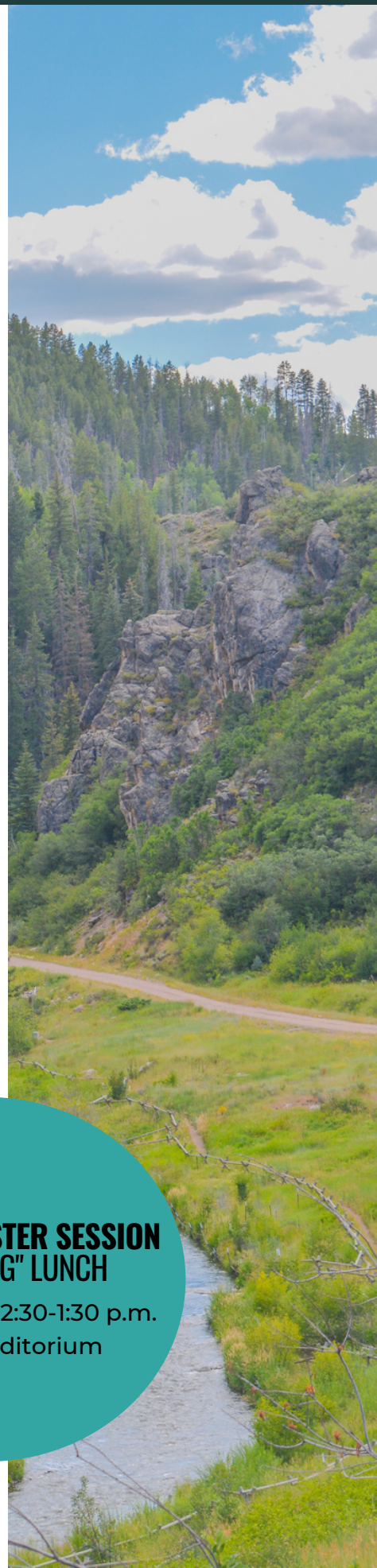
Time: 1:30-4 p.m. (Includes travel time)

Location: 2626 County Road 29, Craig, CO 81625

RESEARCH POSTER SESSION "BROWN BAG" LUNCH

Friday, June 2 • 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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About the Yampa Basin Rendezvous

YBR Mission: The YBR strives to be an opportunity for reflection, communication, appreciation, and collaborative, interactive learning about the Yampa Basin ecosystems, environment, weather, climate, people, and culture and their intersections for members of the Yampa Basin community as well as all the communities downstream who rely on the Yampa's water.

YBR Goals: Connect students, researchers, institutions, and community members who live and work in the Yampa River Basin to share knowledge regarding climate variability and change that has impacts on the environment, people, and the economy. Build community and encourage collaborative problem-solving and planning, and provide an opportunity for citizens and visitors to be informed about the state of the Yampa Basin and the people and plans in place and in process to protect it.

For detailed information on previous YBR conferences and speakers visit
yvsc.org/yampa-basin-rendezvous

2023 YBR Steering Committee Members:

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