



The Nature Conservancy

Beaver Ranch Forest Restoration Day of Service

Workday: Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

Project Location: Beaver Ranch Community Park

Difficulty Rating: Moderate/Difficult

Project Times: 9am-2pm

Project Location: 11369 S Foxtan Rd, Conifer, CO 80433

Map Link: <https://goo.gl/58gl9y>

Number of Volunteers Anticipated: Up to 100

Background –

The Upper South Platte watershed is a 2,600 square-mile area that reaches from the Continental Divide to Strontia Springs Reservoir, southwest of Denver. The watershed supports many uses including recreation, gold medal fisheries, wildlife, and drinking-water



After Treatment at Beaver Ranch

supplies. The headwaters

of the Upper South Platte watershed contain five major municipal supply reservoirs, including Antero, Spinney Mountain, Eleven Mile Canyon, Cheeseman, and Strontia Springs, as well as several other small reservoirs. These reservoirs supply drinking water to approximately one third of Colorado's residents. That is why, in 2015, several non-profit organizations and governmental agencies came together with support from MillerCoors, PepsiCo and Wells Fargo

Foundation to form the Upper South Platte Partnership (USPP). We share a common vision of working with forest owners and communities in the Upper South Platte watershed to help ensure that its forests are sustainable and resilient. We are implementing a science-driven approach and innovative outreach. In particular, we are targeting landowners at highest risk of wildfires that would have the most damaging impacts on the watershed. Our primary goal is to foster proactive and engaged communities by providing landowners with information, educational workshops and technical assistance that will help them make sound, sustainable, multi-resource management decisions for their land.

Workday Description:

Beaver Ranch is a typical representation of the forest and mountainous areas that exist across the Upper South Platte Watershed. Nestled within a densely populated Wildland Urban Interface (W.U.I.), Beaver Ranch is in the process of being transformed from a potential source of fire and sediment into a model for ecological restoration techniques. Projects on our workday will include: removal of downed fuels within the canopy and the building of burn piles; reduction of invasive weeds that could be inadvertently spread by logging, and planting willows to increase a food course for the eventual return of beavers to the park. Teams will not only perform the labor required for these tasks, but will be fully informed regarding procedures and the importance of the restoration tasks they are assigned.

Important Notes:

- CUSP will provide hard hats, materials and necessary tools to complete project work
- Due to variable weather conditions and for the safety of our volunteers, all vehicles and drivers must remain onsite for the duration of the project
- A portable restroom will be available on site; if too far from the portable restroom, we do practice leave no trace principles
- A safety review and work demonstration will precede the project work
- Weather, which could create hazardous conditions, may cause the project to be canceled or rescheduled; staff will monitor weather and notify you of any changes, which will also be posted to www.cusp.ws/Volunteer. You can also call Michele Battiste at 316-204-9446.

Requirements of Volunteers

Please see the attached Release Form; participants under 18 will need a signature from a parent or guardian.

Please Bring:

- A daypack to carry water and lunch
- Two liters of water to carry with you, enough to last the day, we will have water available if needed.
- Any applicable medicines (including epi-pens, insulin and inhalers)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- **Long pants are required;** long sleeved shirts are strongly recommended
- Work gloves (we will have some if you do not)
- Sturdy shoes with good tread; no sandals please!

What to Expect:

This project will occur in an exposed mountain environment. Please be aware and prepared for potential hazards, including but not limited to: driving on mountainous roads with loose gravel and flash flood potential; exposure to sun, wind, lightning and rapidly changing weather conditions; working with sharpened tools in areas with unstable terrain and footing; hiking at significant elevation. Medications may have adverse effects in sun, heat or altitude; please list medications and medical conditions on the CUSP release form so staff may be aware of potential concerns. Know your limitations and inform staff immediately if you become ill or injured. Be prepared to exit quickly in the event of an emergency or changing environmental conditions. **Please drink plenty of water prior to and during the project to stay hydrated.**

GPS systems and Internet map sites are often misleading in the mountains. Cell phone service will be inconsistent or unavailable.

The below office number can be contacted in case of emergency.

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte

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INDIVIDUAL ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, AND PHOTO RELEASE

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Description: Upper South Platte Volunteer Day at Beaver Ranch

Project Date(s): September 22, 2016

Group: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, REVIEW ENTIRE DOCUMENT, AND SIGN ON BACK

Salutation: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ New Volunteer YES NO

City, State, Zip: _____ New Address YES NO

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

16-18 Yrs?: _____ YES _____ NO (IF YES, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN)

Under 16?: _____ YES _____ NO (IF YES, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN)

In case of emergency, please contact:

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

The following information may be needed by any hospital or medical practitioner not having access to the Volunteer/Participant's medical history (PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 3):

Allergies (medicine, food, etc):

Medications being taken:

Date of last tetanus shot:

Physical limitations:

Other medical issues we should be aware of:

1. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in restoration and other activities at various locations with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP). I am not working in a paid position, and will receive no compensation for participating in CUSP activities.

2. As consideration for being permitted to participate in these activities and use CUSP tools and facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, my heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of CUSP, or the suppliers of any of the tools or equipment that I will use in these activities, for injury or damage resulting from my negligence, intentional or unintentional, during the commission of my efforts for CUSP.
3. I hereby release CUSP, The Nature Conservancy and their legal representatives, private land-owner partners, successors and assignees, from all actions, claims, and demands that I, my assignees, my heirs, distributes, guardians and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in CUSP activities.
4. I hereby release and forever discharge CUSP, The Nature Conservancy and their legal representatives, successors and assignees, from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or participation in CUSP activities.
5. I understand that CUSP carries a minimal level of insurance coverage for volunteers to address medical needs, but EACH VOLUNTEER IS ENCOURAGED TO ARRIVE WITH HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN EFFECT.
6. I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. I agree that if any clause or provision is ruled invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release shall continue to be enforceable.
7. **I AM AWARE THAT FIRE RESTORATION, GREEN FOREST RESTORATION, TRAIL BUILDING, RIVER RESTORATION AND OTHER CUSP ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF CUSP WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MEDICAL FACILITIES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF INJURY TO ME. I HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY AND DEATH, AND VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**
8. If there is any violation of this agreement and CUSP or The Nature Conservancy is sued, or a claim is made against CUSP or The Nature Conservancy, I agree to indemnify CUSP, The Nature Conservancy and the others named in paragraph 3 and hold them harmless from any and all expense and liability. Such indemnity shall cover all reasonable expenses incurred by them, including but not limited to attorney fees.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR USE OF PICTURES IN ANY MEDIA

I hereby grant to the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), its legal representatives, successors and assigns, irrevocable permission to take and to copyright, in its own name or otherwise, and re-use, publish and republish photographic portraits, pictures or similar images or likenesses (collectively, the "Pictures") of me and my children and/or other minors for whom I am legally responsible, including, without limitation, any other pictures in which I or they may be included, in whole, in part, or altered using software, through any medium, and in any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, promotion, art, editorial, or any other purpose whatsoever. The pictures may be published in any manner, including in noncommercial advertising, periodicals, trade show exhibits and other promotional applications. Furthermore, I will hold harmless CUSP, its

**representatives, successors and assigns, from any liability arising from or in connection with the
aforementioned Pictures.**

I affirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I am competent to sign this agreement on my own
behalf. I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing authorization and release and that I fully
understand its contents.

(Signature and Printed Name)

(Date)

**CUSP volunteers must be 16 years of age or older when the project site is utilizing power
tools/equipment. Parental signature is mandatory for ALL volunteers UNDER 18 years old.**

(Parent/Legal Guardian's Name- PLEASE PRINT)

(Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature)

(Phone Number)