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**HEY CHAPTERS !**

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Dear Friends,

We Colorado TU'ers have a lot to be thankful for this year, with the obvious exception of the last 4 Broncos games (hopefully they'll get back on track today). Colorado's own Senator Ken Salazar was selected to head the U.S. Department of the Interior. Not to be outdone, Mr. Secretary's sibling, U.S. Representative John Salazar, has introduced legislation to provide Wilderness protection to more than 62,000 acres in the San Juan Mountains. And while we haven't exactly won "The Battle of the Roan Plateau," we and our conservation partners have managed to press the pause button on last year's BLM lame-duck lease sale and keep alive our hopes for protecting the vital habitats found atop the Roan. Finally, I'd like to thank your for your support of CTU - and thank you in advance for clicking on the links below to voice your support for the Fraser River and for the Roan Plateau.

Happy Thanksgiving!

David Nickum

**MOFFAT FIRING EIS - NOW IT'S OUR TURN**



The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Denver Water's Moffat Firing Project - a proposal to increase diversions from the Colorado headwaters to the Front Range - was released by the Army Corp of Engineers. **The proposal puts at risk the already overworked Upper Colorado and especially its tributary the Fraser River.** Rivers are resilient, but not endlessly so. Denver Water already diverts more than half of the Fraser's flows and TU is concerned that, without adequate mitigation required, the new project could push the Fraser River fishery - which once drew President Eisenhower to his "western White House" in Colorado - over the brink. You can help by speaking out at an upcoming public hearing (December 1 in Boulder; December 2 in Grand County; December 3 in Denver; December 8 in Summit County), and by emailing or

mailing your comments before the January 28 deadline .

### SPEAK UP FOR THE ROAN PLATEAU



The Roan has won another reprieve, and that means we're still in the fight to protect remarkable public lands that harbor rare native cutthroat trout and thriving big game populations.

BLM has agreed to suspend leases for oil and gas development on the plateau for the duration of court ordered settlement talks that include BLM, leaseholders, CTU and other conservation groups. Earlier, conservationists filed suit challenging BLM's oil and gas development plan for the Roan - and most notably last summer's hurried, pre-election lease sell-off of vast tracts atop the Roan.

Even the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel has changed its mind about last year's leases, and has published an editorial urging BLM to cancel them. **Please add your voice to the debate.** Take one minute to send an email to Interior secretary Salazar asking him to withdraw leases that should never have been sold. For ongoing progress reports on the Roan, [visit www.cotrout.org](http://www.cotrout.org).

### ROCK ROLLING ON THE ANIMAS



This is not a Texan fishing the Animas. It's a trackhoe doing some of the heavy lifting for the just-completed Animas restoration in Durango. TU's Five Rivers Chapter was a key partner in the 3-year endeavor.

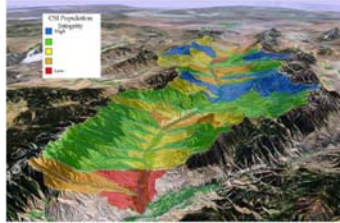
### GOOD HYDRO - BAD HYDRO



On the surface, hydropower seems like the perfect alternative power source - it's clean, kind of cool-looking and controllable. But is it really "green" power? Fish don't always think so.

CTU's Old Professor says there's no one-size-fits-all solution when it comes to hydropower - there's a right way and a wrong way.

## TU'S COLORFUL FUTURE



Imagine a watershed with a restored and protected population of native trout, roaming at will up or down reconnected stream segments, being studied by scientists as well as kids in local classrooms.

## CO SUPREME COURT BACKS TU OVER DRY GULCH

For the second time, the Colorado Supreme Court has supported Trout Unlimited's claim that population projections used to secure a water court appropriation for a project near Pagosa were more speculative than credible.

## ARE YOUR PANTS ON FIRE?

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Or is that just a five dollar bill burning a hole in your pocket? Compared to a lot of non-profits, CTU did pretty well this year, but we still need your continued support to meet our goals and continue our efforts on behalf of Colorado's rivers and watersheds. Can you spare five bucks to help us make up the difference?

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It is still 2009 - but it isn't too early to reserve the date for CTU's 2010 Annual Dinner and Gala on Friday, March 19. You won't want to miss this annual celebration, featuring a delicious sit-down dinner, live entertainment, a diverse silent and live auction, and more - all benefiting the conservation work of Colorado Trout Unlimited. Save the date, and look for more details in future issues of CTU News!

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