

# Roaring Fork Updates

April Long
Ruedi Water and Power Authority





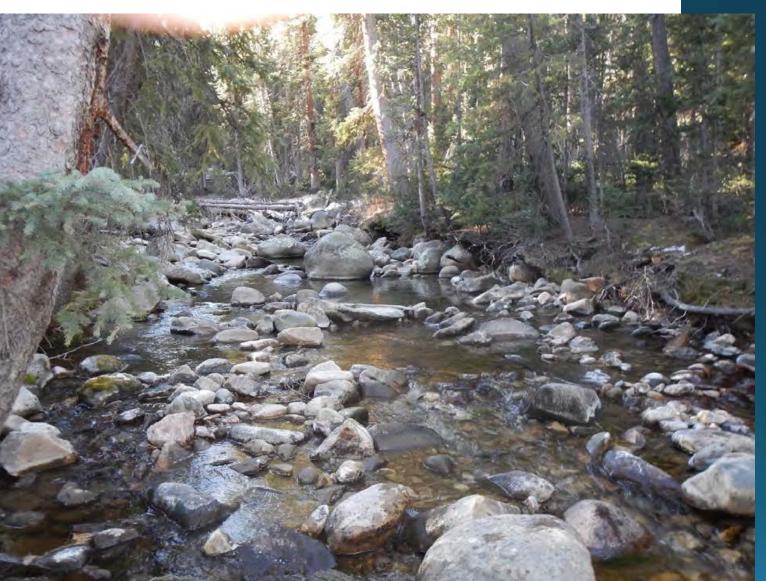




# Lost Man Creek finds its way back to Roaring Fork River



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Roaring Fork in Aspen: Flows above 32cfs for 3 weeks Ionger than in similar years





## Ruedi Reservoir:

- Did not fill last year
- Second lowest level since built
- Aim to fill by July 4
- Tracking better than 2021 but worse than average
- Releasing 110 cfs now until full (or Cameo or contract calls)

### Hydropower

Head and Flow –
 100-300 cfs

# Aquatic health, habitat

- Natural Hydrograph
- Temperature
- Anchor Ice Reduction - 70 cfs

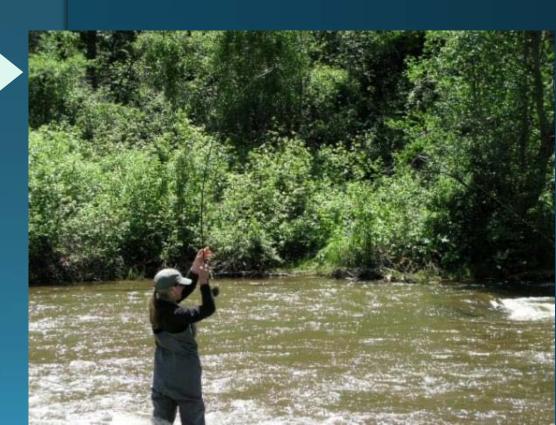
#### Recreation

- Wadeable flows 100 280 cfs
- Boatable 450 cfs
- Temperature

# Required on Fryingpan

- May Oct 110 cfs
- Nov– April 39 cfs

# Ruedi Release Targets



#### Water Temperature Prediction Tool

Use this tool to assess probabilities of water temperature exceedances on the Roaring Fork River at Glenwood Springs, Colorado

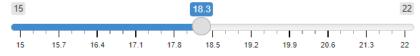


The probability of occurance for exceeding a maximum weekly average temperature of 18.3 °C / 64.94 °F given the selected inputs for air temperature and streamflow is: 91 %

#### **Temperature Threshold**

Select a water temperature threshold to evaluate exceendances against.

#### Maximum Weekly Average Water Temp. (°C):



18.3 °C = 64.94 °F

Select the threshold weekly average water temperature (MWAT) of interest.

This threshold may be informed by State of Colorado water quality standards or other biological and non-biological considerations

### WATER THERMOMETER

TO FISH OR NOT TO FISH



Over 68°F Trout are feeling stressed and need a break!

Mortality chances increase, even with proper catch-and-release.

Try finding an alternative location to fish or try again when it cools down.



65°F -68°F Trout are slowing down and are feeling the heat!

Rope up with heavier tippet to land fish quicker. Keep them wet and skip the pictures to minimize their time out of the water. Be patient - they may need more time to revive before release.



Below 65°F Trout are happy, hungry, and ready for a fight!

You can feel confident that the fish will be able to survive after proper catchand-release.

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## Permanent Unified Watering Guidance



