

# Morgan Conservation District

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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### Office Update

We are no longer in the office during regular business hours. If you need to contact us or pickup any supplies, please reach out at 970-427-3362 or 720-361-6418, or email us at morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com.

### Conservation Tree Seedling Sales

Our Annual Conservation Tree Seedling Sale is almost here! Trees will be available for pickup May 5th and 6th from 8 am to 4 pm at our office on 200 West Railroad Avenue. We encourage customers who have ordered any of the following species to pickup on May 6th:



Black Hills Spruce

Colorado Blue Spruce

Eastern Red Cedar

Ponderosa Pine

Rocky Mountain Juniper

Scotch Pine

Hackberry

Bur Oak

Buffaloberry

There are still trees available for those interested in ordering. Current inventories include Bareroot and Large Rocky Mountain Junipers. Bareroots are sold in bundles of 25 for \$40 including tax and Large are sold in bundles of 10 for \$40 including tax. Junipers are an excellent resource for windbreaks or snow fences, improving or building wildlife habitat, and assisting with soil and wind erosion. The District can assist in planning a tree planting or with tree care and questions, as well as providing tree planting supplies. Supplies include polymer to help with water retention and moisture control, fertilizer for nutrient supplementation, weed barrier fabric for weed suppression and moisture control, and staples for weed barrier fabric. Orders can be placed online, via email at [morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com) or phone at 970-427-3362 or 720-361-6418.

We do have a survey on this year's tree sales that we encourage our customers to complete:

<https://forms.gle/s6PJ4BVsdzcbkReN9>

## Grass Seed Sales

Did you know that we offer grass seed for sale? Seed can be used for CRP, pollinator plantings, or general erosion control and cover. We work with a local grass seed dealer to ensure timely delivery of all mixes. If you are interested in ordering a custom or pre-made mix, please contact our office!



Thank you to everyone who attended our 2022 Annual Meeting and the Lower South Platte River Water Update in January! We appreciate your support. If you have any recommendations on future meetings, programs, and workshops, please let us know!

Our Locally Led Workgroup meeting will be taking place in a few weeks, follow us on Facebook @MCDFortMorgan and sign up for our e-mail list for updates.

We will also be hosting a Pesticide Applicator Workshop with Sandra McDonald of Mountain West PEST in Fall 2022. This workshop provides all 7 core credits required for pesticide applicator license recertification.

Our annual scholarship is still open until May 6th! Local high school seniors or college freshman pursuing a field in agriculture or natural resources are eligible to receive \$1,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. Learn more at <https://www.morganconservationdistrict.com/college-scholarships>

# Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife

## *Private Lands Program*

*Working wet meadow / Bob Timberman, USFWS*

### **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Mission**

To efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of federal trust species.

### **Efficiently achieving habitat restoration on private lands**

The Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program works to efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species. The Colorado PFW program serves as a bridge for private landowners and managers to develop partnerships which restore and enhance habitat for wildlife and range values. Our approach is simple: **engage willing partners, through non-regulatory incentives, to conserve fish and wildlife habitat on private lands.**

The Colorado PFW program operates in accordance with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Mountain-Prairie Region Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan guides the program towards:

1. Clearly defined national and regional habitat goals
2. Improved accountability for federal dollars expended in support of the program and its goals
3. Enhanced communication to achieve greater responsiveness to local plans and conservation priorities, and
4. An expanded commitment to serving additional partners.

The Colorado PFW program continues to sharpen its focus on scientifically supported, collaboratively established focal areas to deliver technical and financial assistance.

The PFW program's voluntary, incentive-based approach to improving habitat on private lands in Colorado has led to approximately 1,400 landowner agreements throughout the State. The Colorado PFW program is working together with community-based conservation groups to strengthen on-the-ground delivery and partnerships. The PFW program prides itself in finding common sense solutions to complex ecological problems.



*Mallard drake / Tom Koerner, USFWS*

## PFW Restoration Projects in Colorado 1988-2021

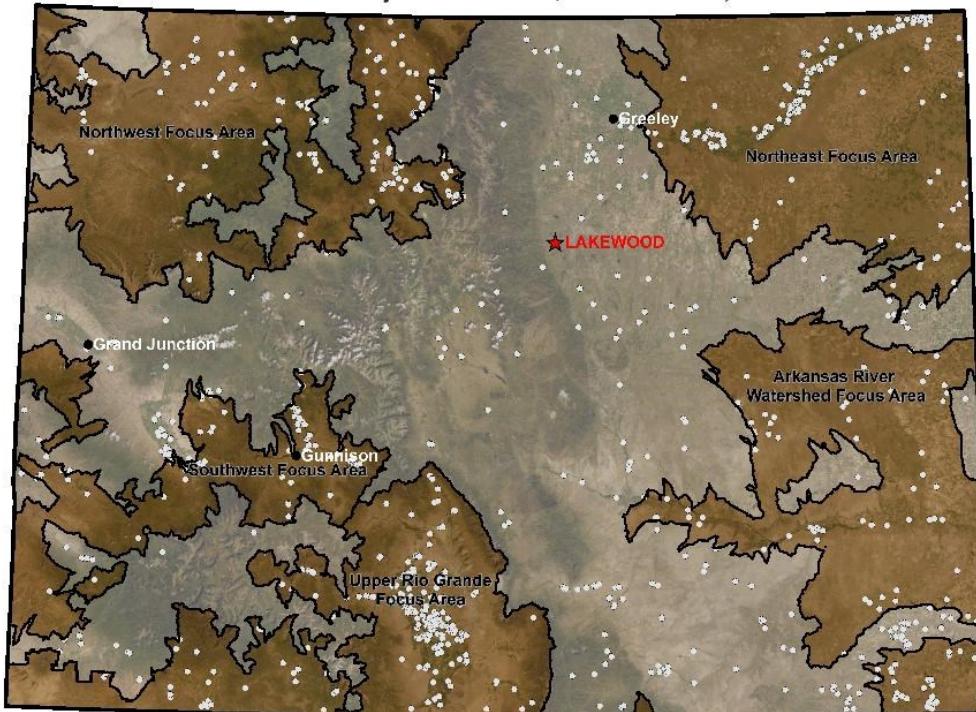
**1,431** Total Projects

**185,597** Upland Acres

**42,338** Wetland Acres

**402** River Miles

### Colorado Partners for Fish & Wildlife Focus Areas (FY 2022-2026) and Project Locations (FY 1988-2021)



### Project Types

- Grassland and sagebrush enhancement
- Seeding native grasses and forbs
- Grazing systems
- Livestock waters
- Wildlife-friendly fencing
- Conifer removal
- Invasive species control
- Big game migration corridor support
- Wetland restoration and management
- Irrigation infrastructure
- Wet meadow enhancement
- Augmentation ponds
- Fish passage improvement
- Fish barriers
- Streambank stabilization
- In-stream structures
- Erosion control (Zeedyk) structures
- and more...

For more information on Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife,  
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[www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/coloradopfw.php](http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/coloradopfw.php)



Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife project site in the San Luis Valley / Brandon Miller, USFWS

Region 6

Mountain-Prairie Region



## NASCA Names Clint Evans, 2021 Outstanding State Conservationist of the Year

The National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) names Clint Evans as its 2021 Outstanding State Conservationist of the Year. Evans has served as the state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Colorado for 7 years and has always made partnership one of his top priorities.

"Clint has been a dedicated partner to the Colorado Department of Agriculture. We work in lockstep to support producers in improving soil health on croplands and grazing lands," said Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture. "Thanks to Clint's outstanding leadership, CDA's Conservation Services Division has greater capacity to support Colorado's 75 Conservation Districts."

Each year, NASCA members nominate a state conservationist who has shown unparalleled service to the conservation partnership. Members, along with support from partner organizations, describe the nominees' outstanding ability to: collaborate with state agencies and partners, provide resources and training, tailor NRCS operations for their state, and prioritizing the landowner/operator.

"Clint embodies the mission of NRCS - to deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world", said Carlos E. Fernandez, State Director for The Nature Conservancy in Colorado. "Clint's leadership as Colorado State Conservationist has included his support for state-federal collaborative processes around working lands and working communities."

"Some of Clint's greatest strengths come from understanding how to prioritize partner relations and recognizing how coordinating federal, state, Tribal, private, and local efforts can leverage greater outcomes. Clint's work and dedication make him a steadfast champion for Colorado's conservation partnerships," Greenberg goes on to say.

"The support for Clint to receive this award was overwhelming," says Cindy Lair, Program Manager for CDA's State Conservation Board, who also presented the award. "There was a steady stream of accolades and letters of support from Colorado's conservation community, including the Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP), the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, and the Upper Arkansas Conservation District. It was an honor to nominate him."

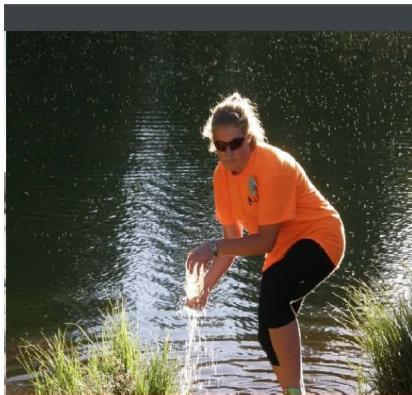
# **2022 CAMP ROCKY**

**-- SAVE THE DATE -- July 10-15, 2022 - Divide, CO**

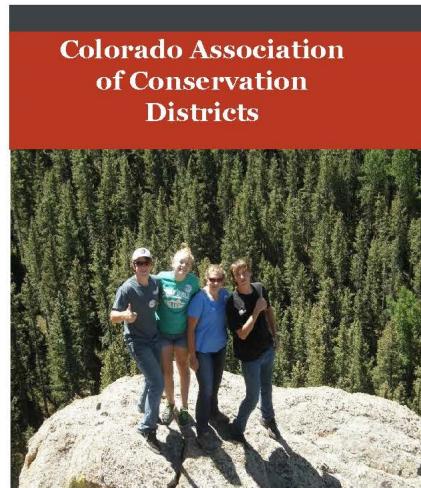
**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN - [www.camprocky.org](http://www.camprocky.org)**

## **Outdoor Natural Resource Conservation Adventures**

Camp Rocky is a week-long residential camp for youth ages 14-19, who enjoy the outdoors & are interested in Rangeland Management, Soil & Water Management, Fish & Wildlife Management, and Forestry Management.



*Camp Rocky is a week-long residential camp for youth ages 14-19 who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. The Professional staff helps participants learn about the environment through hands-on experiences. The students work in teams, making new friends from across Colorado. Each year, students choose a resource field for their area of study. Other activities include volleyball, hiking, campfire, group challenges, talent show and a dance.*



### **Outdoor Natural Resource Conservation Adventures Youth: Ages 14-19**



### **Please Contact Us For More Information:**

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From The Colorado Department of Agriculture:

Monitor your poultry for clinical signs of HPAI, changes in how much your birds eat or drink, increased deaths in your flock, or general malaise. Any significant changes could indicate HPAI and should be reported immediately to the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130. For more biosecurity information and guidance go to [ag.colorado.gov/hpai](http://ag.colorado.gov/hpai).

Clinical signs in domestic poultry include swelling and purple discoloration of the comb, wattles, eyelids and legs, and ruffled feathers. They may exhibit open-mouth breathing with swelling symptoms.

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**MONITOR  
& REPORT  
ANY CLINICAL  
SIGNS OF  
HPAI**

**303 869 9130**

[ag.colorado.gov/hpai](http://ag.colorado.gov/hpai)

From The Colorado Department of Agriculture:

The Pesticide Advisory Committee is accepting applications from interested candidates and nominations with brief biographies for open positions until Wednesday, Jun 1, 2022. Committee members are appointed to three year terms by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner in the promulgation of Rules associated with the Pesticide Applicators' Act and Pesticide Act. Go to <https://ag.colorado.gov/pesticide-advisory-committee> for more information.

## Pesticide Advisory Committee

The PAC is accepting nominations for representative from

- General Public - Urban Agricultural (1)
- Limited Commercial (1)
- Agricultural Worker (1)

**Nominations accepted until 5 pm  
on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

More information at  
[ag.colorado.gov/pesticide-advisory-committee](https://ag.colorado.gov/pesticide-advisory-committee)



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Photo by Laura Harwood

# Peach Galette

By Colorado Proud & Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C., 5280 Culinary, LLC and Ace Hardware Grill Expert  
Follow along at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6k8qZtK6wk>

Yield: 6-8 servings – 1 Peach Galette | Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 50-55 minutes plus 15-20 minutes resting time

## Ingredients

- 1 pkg Pie Crust, Refrigerated, Room Temp 14oz Pkg
- 4 ea Peaches, Colorado, Large, Ripe Cut into 1/8" Slices
- 1/3 cup Sugar, Brown, Dark Packed 1/3 Cup
- 1 tbsp Vanilla Paste or Extract Paste will give a deeper flavor
- ½ tsp Salt, Kosher
- 3 tbsp Cornstarch use 2 tbsp for a thinner filling
- 1 tbsp Lemon Juice, Fresh
- ½ stick Butter, Salted lightly melted
- 2 tbsp Sugar, Turbinado
- 1 pint Vanilla Bean Ice Cream or Salted Caramel Gelato

## Directions

Wash all tools prior to use

Clean and sanitize all cutting boards and prep surfaces prior to use

Read all manufacturer's instructions before using grills, or any cooking tools

Pull the pie crust from the fridge, leave in the package and place on the counter for 10 minutes to soften or temper

Clean out Traeger or Pellet Grill as needed and change drip tray liner

Fill pellet hopper with maple or apple pellets

Set Traeger to 375°F, hit enter and hit ignite, add a pizza stone while grill is heating up to temp

While Traeger is heating up –

Fold a piece of parchment paper in half and create approx. a 12×12 square

Carefully unroll the pie crust and place on the parchment paper

Lightly brush the pie shell with butter

In a large mixing bowl, add the peach slices, brown sugar, vanilla paste, salt and cornstarch

\*\*\* Chef's Tip – for a thinner liquid use 2 tbsp cornstarch, for thicker liquid use 3 tbsp cornstarch

Mix well to combine

Allow to rest for approx. 5 minutes

Carefully arrange the peach slices on the pie crust, leaving a 1 1/2" border

Pour any liquid over the peaches

Carefully fold up the border and pinch in places around the entire edge of the galette

Brush the edge of the crust with butter and dust with the turbinado sugar

Sprinkle some turbinado sugar over the top of the galette as well

When Traeger temp hits 375°F carefully add the galette (on parchment paper) to the pizza stone

\*\*\* Chef's Tip – for oven cooking, bake at the same temp, on a pizza stone, on the center rack of your oven. Reduce time by 5-8 minutes of using a convection oven

Cook for 50-55 minutes or until desired doneness is reached

Using Nitrile and heat proof gloves, carefully remove the galette and place onto a drip pan or cooling rack and bring into the kitchen

Rest for minimum of 15-20 minutes to allow the filling to cool and thicken

Serve with vanilla bean ice cream or salted caramel gelato

Store any leftovers loosely covered overnight, do not refrigerate

## Thank you to our Sponsors!

### PLATINUM



### GOLD

**Wickstrom Farms**

### SILVER



### BRONZE

