



2017 Watershed Conference

“Sustaining the Health of a Working River”

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Group Publishing, 1515 Cascade Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:40 Opening Remarks: Tim Bohling, Chair, Big Thompson Watershed Forum Board
- 8:50 Welcome: Eric Wilkinson, General Manager, Northern Water
- 9:00 **From Source to Treatment: Public Perception of Water Quality**
- Bob Kimbrough, Associate Director for Data, USGS Colorado Water Science Center
 - Tim Bohling, Water Quality Analyst, City of Loveland
 - Al Paquet, Senior Project Manager, CH2M
 - Andy Fayram, Monitoring Project Manager, Big Thompson Watershed Forum
- 10:00 **Abandoned Mines: A Watershed at Risk?**
- Lauren Duncan, Abandoned Mine Restoration Project Manager, Trout Unlimited
 - Peter Barkmann, Senior Hydrogeologist, Colorado Geological Survey
- 10:45 Break and Raffle Prize #1
- 11:00 **Highway 34: Protecting a River Ecosystem**
- Larry Rogstad, Area Wildlife Manager, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - Megan Wood, Environmental Manager, Kiewit Infrastructure Co.
 - Tracy Wendt, Project Manager, Big Thompson Watershed Coalition
- 12:10 Buffet Lunch
- 1:10 **BTWF Environmental Scholarship Award Presentation**
- Laurie Schmidt and Ed Young, Big Thompson Watershed Forum
- 1:20 **Ripple Effects of the 2016 Fish Kill Event**
- Ben Swigle, Aquatic Biologist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - Johanna Kraus, Research Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey
 - Andy Fayram, Monitoring Program Manager, Big Thompson Watershed Forum
- 2:30 Break and Raffle Prize #2
- 2:45 **Wildfires and Watersheds: Lessons Learned**
- Jill Oropeza, Utilities Water Quality Services Manager, City of Fort Collins
 - Benjamin Gannon, Research Associate, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute
 - Heather Schinkel, Director, Peaks to People Water Fund
- 3:55 Closing Remarks: Tim Bohling, Chair, Big Thompson Watershed Forum Board