

## 65320-2009-845 Bear Creek Habitat Improvement and protection

**State(s):** Colorado

**Managing Agency/Organization:** Colorado Division of Wildlife

**Type of Organization:** State Government

**Project Status:** Completed

**Project type:** WNTI Project

**Project action(s):** Water quality, Watershed, In-stream and riparian habitat

**Trout species benefitted:** Greenback Cutthroat

**Population:** Arkansas Drainage Greenback Cutthroat trout

It is proposed that by using funding from NFHAP, and labor from the Pikes Peak Youth Corps under the direction of the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, this project will enhance and protect the water quality of the Bear Creek drainage. It is proposed that natural materials found within the project area will be utilized to construct check dams, retaining walls and culverts. Revegetation will use a seed mix approved by the U.S. Forest Service, erosion matting will be biodegradable, and willow plantings will come from existing Bear Creek stock. It is estimated that the work will require up to 29 days, with the project to be completed in the summer of 2010.

**Objectives:**

- Protect and improve the habitat in a section of Bear Creek

**Partners:**

- City of Colorado Springs, CDOW
- US Forest Service

**Measures:**

- Completed project
- Changes in baseline fish population information

**Funding Source(s):**

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

**Project cost:** \$56,178.00

**Start Date:** 06/06/2010 **Completion Date:** 09/30/2010

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