

Rivers of Colorado Water Watch Network Contract

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), Colorado Watershed Network (CWN)

And

_____ School/Group enter into an agreement for participation in the Rivers of Colorado Water Watch Program for the time period of:

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Final participation will be determined annually by available resources, importance of data, and past performance based upon following criteria. ***PLEASE*** note for contract year July 2006 to June 2007 past performance ***IS NOT*** evaluated. Accepted participants will hereby receive products and services listed on List A, page 2.

In exchange for products and services on List A, Page 2, the named participating group or school above and its sponsor have reviewed the responsibilities and expected performance criteria on List B, Page 2. The participant acknowledges that the group or school and its sponsor(s) intend to meet the responsibilities and performance criteria, and understand that failure to meet performance criteria jeopardizes program eligibility in future years.

The water quality and computer equipment (if applicable) will remain in possession of the above named group or school as long as; 1) performance criteria (outlined in contract and Sample Plan) is satisfactory (determined by CDOW / CWN) and 2) and/or the Colorado Division of Wildlife in partnership with Colorado Watershed Network sponsors the Rivers of Colorado Water Watch Network.

A. The above mentioned group or school will monitor the following station(s), at the following frequency (a minimum of one station sampled 12 times per year is required):

Station Name	Station #	River Name	Frequency # per year (circle one)
1.			Minimum 12 times per year station
2.			4, 12, 24, other _____
3.			4, 12, 24, other _____
4.			4, 12, 24, other _____
5.			4, 12, 24, other _____
6.			4, 12, 24, other _____

B. Is any of the above station information different than we have on record from past sampling efforts (please circle as many as apply)?

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| Yes – station frequency | Yes – station name | Yes – station location |
| Yes - station name | Yes – Brand new location | Yes – River name |

C. If you chose a sample frequency other than 12 times per year please explain:

SIGNATURES

Sponsor (print name)

River Watch Program Coordinator, CWN Date

Sponsor (signature) Date

Principal or Proper Authority (signature) Date

Sponsor Organization Mailing Address

Sponsor Physical Mailing Address

Sponsor Org Email and Phone Number

Sponsor Home Email and Phone Number

**Please return form with required signatures to
River Watch Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216**

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List A

Participants receive:

- ✓ Equipment listed in the Volunteer Manual, which includes 1) water quality equipment, 2) computer (if resources allow) 3) computer support if necessary.
- ✓ Educational material, training and experiences regarding river ecosystems and watersheds
- ✓ Reward in knowing role in giving rivers and aquatic life a voice, local and extended
- ✓ Site visit or site call
- ✓ Technical and general support
- ✓ Opportunity for training, beginning and advance credit (students and teachers)
- ✓ Opportunity to be tested and become certified samplers
- ✓ Annual Report card on performance and quality assurance/control data
- ✓ Validated water quality data and a process to get data to decision makers
- ✓ Watershed report update
- ✓ Supplies to collect and analyze chemical, physical habitat and biological parameters
- ✓ Analyses of remainder of parameters
- ✓ Web page for data entry/retrieval, other links and resources regarding rivers, waters and associated issues
- ✓ Annual report
- ✓ Watershed gatherings
- ✓ Information on hearings, events, etc.

List B

Performance Criteria:

1. Collect baseline water quality samples once a month per contract year on a minimum of one station and analyze samples for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, alkalinity and hardness.
2. Completion of two unknowns for alkalinity, hardness, pH per contract year.
3. Collect 1 blank and 1 duplicate metal sample per station spread throughout contract year.
4. Quarterly ship, deliver or exchange metals (w/chain of custody) and complete and accurate data sheets.
5. Record data on hard (data sheets), maintain copy of data sheets enter data electronically monthly via Internet access or on disk and mail, and mail datasheets in timely manner.
6. Collect bi-annual nutrient samples and shipment of samples w/in two days of collection via CDOW provided schedule.
7. Collect annual macroinvertebrates and ship, deliver or exchange to CDOW via CDOW provided schedule.
8. Mail quarterly signed volunteer time sheet.
9. Participate in site visit or site call via CDOW provided schedule.
10. Correct chronic trouble shooter problems identified by CDOW.
11. Complete a hardship form (available on web page) by specific deadline for any of above criteria.

Responsibilities:

12. Inform CDOW of any change in activity status, school or home address, school e-mail address, Internet access, school name or address change, station name, location or frequency changes.
13. Station location information if requested by CDOW for mapping of data purposes.
14. Current sponsor must attend one full training workshop in order to receive or keep existing equipment. Usually one teacher and two students are invited to attend. Usually this workshop is in October during school time so teachers need release time but the cost of the workshop is paid for by the CDOW. Teachers may also receive re-certification credit hours for attending. Training of future participants within your group or building is the responsibility of the sponsor.
15. Take the time to learn the sampling techniques plus the value and function of a river ecosystem. (Many resources are available from the CDOW resource library and web page.
16. Ensure security of all donated computer and water quality equipment lists; keep clean and in working order.
17. Provide access, if necessary, to the sampling locations.
18. Share experiences and knowledge with others about the river ecosystem.
19. Sign contract to participate in River Watch the following by May 31 of existing year.

Your performance will be evaluated quarterly based on the above criteria. Failure to complete the above will place your activity status as "Follow-Up" versus "Active". You would then be placed below active schools for participation the next year. If the Follow-Up status continues for 2 years without a plan, your equipment will be reallocated to another school.