

OTHER WAYS TO HELP CUSP!

For groups or individuals with time or physical limitations, CUSP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and gratefully accepts donations. The following programs also help support CUSP.



GoodSearch has chosen CUSP for their nonprofit support program. This Yahoo-powered search engine will help CUSP with funding to continue our important watershed work by donating 50% of their advertising revenue.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter *Coalition for the Upper South Platte* as the charity you want to support.



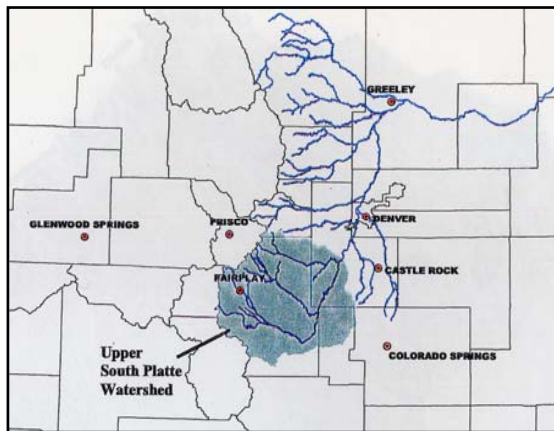
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power of individuals to benefit their chosen communities. Shop at www.iGive.com from over 700 reputable stores to donate a percentage of purchases. Simply chose the *Coalition for the Upper South Platte* as your cause and shop till you drop!!

CUSP, its partners and volunteers, continue to restore areas effected by the 2002 Hayman fire, but we need your help! Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Coalition for the Upper South Platte. With your support, CUSP can continue to work toward *A Healthy Watershed, Now and in the Future*

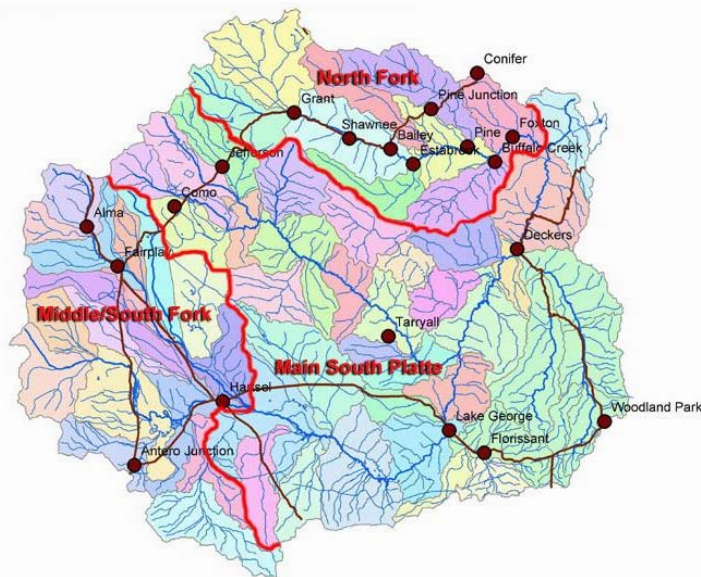
For more information or to make a donation, call CUSP at 719-748-0033.

For a virtual tour of the Upper South Platte Watershed or for more information about CUSP, visit our web site at www.uppersouthplatte.org



THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATERSHED

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A Healthy Watershed ~ Now and in the Future



COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE (CUSP)

& Hayman Recovery Assistance Center



CUSP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!



A \$5 donation can plant a Ponderosa pine in the Hayman burn area.

Show your community you care and call CUSP for details about volunteering or making a donation at 719-748-0033 or visit our website

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WATERSHED FACTS

A watershed can be defined as the area of land that drains to a particular point along a stream or river. The Upper South Platte watershed provides over 75% of Colorado residents with drinking water. It covers 2,600 square miles in parts of five counties and provides exceptional recreational opportunities. The watershed is habitat for every mammal that calls Colorado home and several endangered species including the Mexican spotted owl, the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, the Pawnee montane skipper, the mountain plover, and the bald eagle.

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

CUSP has a variety of restoration projects within the Upper South Platte watershed including projects in the Hayman burn area. Below are descriptions of some of the projects CUSP is currently involved with. Take a peek at what we're up to!

FIRE RESTORATION

- ◆ **Rake, seed and mulch** – New growth aids in retaining soils which would otherwise enter waterways, degrading water quality.
- **Shrub and tree planting** – CUSP and volunteers continue to plant seedlings and native shrubs on public lands and private properties within burn areas.

INVASIVE WEEDS

- ◆ **Education & Control** – With partners & volunteers, CUSP has a program for invasive species identification & assists watershed landowners with resources for control & eradication.

RIVER RESTORATION

- **Riparian areas** – Tarryall Creek, Eleven-Mile Canyon, South Platte River, Trail Creek, Four-Mile Creek, Three-Mile Creek and Buffalo Creek are essential waterways. Riparian plantings, bank stabilizations, and river restoration are necessary to maintain water quality and improve fish and wildlife habitat.



Up With People volunteers are all smiles!

FUELS REDUCTION

- ◆ **Slash/mulch** - CUSP provides a wood chipper and employees to aid in removal of fuels from properties. Projects to aid disabled or community members in need of assistance are a priority.
- **Slash Collection Site** – To serve Teller County & decrease fire risk on private lands, CUSP administers the slash collection site in Divide, CO. The resulting mulch will be used for a variety of environmental projects.

TRAIL RESTORATION

- ◆ **Burning Bear Trail** is a heavily used equestrian trail, north of Grant below Guenella Pass. Many areas of the trail cross a creek, contributing to high levels of sediment in the waterway. Workday tasks include creating hardened water crossings and durable tread surfaces, restoration of damaged areas, and enhancing water drainages.
- ◆ **Gill Trail** traverses the South Platte River just below Cheesman Reservoir. Help us restore this valuable recreation trail which leads to some great Colorado fishing opportunities.
- ◆ **Rampart Range** is a heavily used off-highway vehicle area on the Front Range. CUSP will be involved in various trail and planting projects this season.