



# Dream Stream

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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**General Information:** The Dream Stream is the section of the South Platte River between Spinney Mountain Reservoir and Elevenmile Reservoir. The Dream Stream is famous for its runs of rainbow and cutthroat trout in the spring and brown trout and kokanee salmon in the fall out of Elevenmile Reservoir. Visit <http://wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/StateWildlifeAreas/>

**Location:** Park County. 13 miles southeast of Hartsel.

**Size:** Approximately 6 miles in length

**Management Agency:** CDOW (recreation), Colorado State Parks (recreation), Denver Water, City of Aurora

**Purchase A Fishing License:** <http://wildlife.state.co.us/ShopDOW/AppsAndLicenses/>

### Information

- The upper portion of the Dream Stream is operated by Colorado State Parks. To access this portion of river by vehicle you need to enter at Spinney Mountain Reservoir. A State Park Pass is required. You can walk into the upper section of river from the Charlie Meyers SWA in which a State Park Pass is not required.
- Parking lots/access points (4)

### Regulations

- From the outlet of Spinney Mountain Reservoir downstream to the inlet of Elevenmile Reservoir:  
Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.  
All fish caught must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.  
Some portion may be closed to fishing as posted from September 15– December 31.

### Previous Stocking

2010

Rainbow Trout

2009

Rainbow Trout

2008

Rainbow Trout

2007

Rainbow Trout

2006

Rainbow Trout

### Sportfishing Notes

This section of the South Platte River is called the Dream Stream because of the large fish that migrate upstream from Elevenmile Reservoir. Although an ample number of resident fish are available all year round, the best fishing occurs in March through early May and late September through November.

#### Spring Run

- When the lake-dwelling rainbow and cutthroat trout are in the river, fish deep pools and runs with egg patterns, streamers, RS2s, copper Johns, blue winged olives, and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs.

#### Winter

- When the lake-dwelling brown trout and kokanee salmon are in the river, fish deep pools and runs with egg patterns, pheasant tails, copper Johns, and midge patterns



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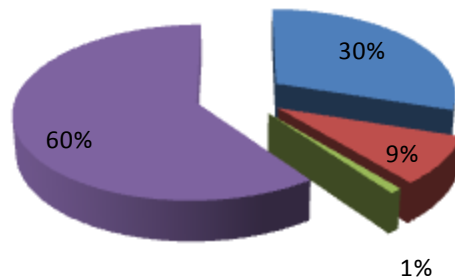
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### 2010 Upper Dream Stream % Species Composition

■ Brown Trout ■ Rainbow Trout ■ Snake River Cutthroat ■ Sucker



This electrofishing station is 670 feet in length and is located just upstream of the parking lot below Spinney Mountain Reservoir.

**Left:** This graph shows the percentage of fish by species caught in our 2010 electrofishing survey.

**Below:** This chart shows historic trends for both brown trout and rainbow trout for this section of river.

### Upper Dream Stream Electrofishing Data For Both Brown And Rainbow Trout

Year	# Per Mile	Biomass (lbs per acre)	Density (# per acre)	# > 14"
1998	655	169	108	48
1999	943	188	156	46
2000	1248	186	206	37
2001	2687	403	444	80
2004	1230	143	203	42
2005	1741	190	288	42
2006	1489	254	245	64
2007	2114	254	349	61
2008	897	165	148	46
2010	613	110	102	22



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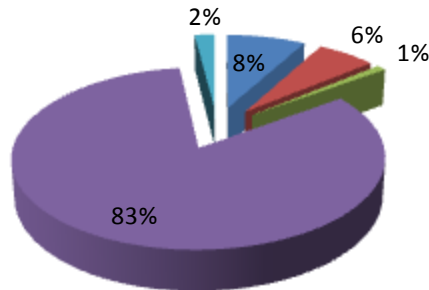
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### 2010 Lower Dream Stream % Species Composition

■ Brown Trout ■ Rainbow Trout ■ Snake River Cutthroat ■ Sucker ■ Northern Pike



This electrofishing station is 770 feet in length and is located approximately 1 mile downstream of CTY HWY 59.

**Left:** This graph shows the percentage of fish by species caught in our 2010 electrofishing survey.

**Below:** This chart shows historic trends for both brown trout and rainbow trout for this section of river.

### Lower Dream Stream Electrofishing Data For Both Brown and Rainbow Trout

Year	# Per Mile	Biomass (lbs per acre)	Density (# per acre)	# > 14"
1998	368	109	76	26
1999	356	53	73	10
2001	1180	179	243	31
2004	2502	259	516	32
2005	1446	235	299	55
2006	1531	181	315	33
2007	2087	186	431	27
2008	2561	184	528	30
2010	458	91	94	32