



Eagle Valley Trout Unlimited

Sponsorship Guide and Community Impact
Chapter Overview 2026

**Every River
Needs A Champion**





Our purpose at Eagle Valley TU

Sustainability, conservation, preservation, youth education.

Protecting Rivers, Water Quality Monitoring, Habitat projects

Strengthening Community Engagement & Volunteerism

Inspiring the Next Generation

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Our Mission

Restore – Protect - Preserve

- We bring people together to restore rivers from Gore Creek to the Eagle River—improving water quality, trout habitat, and community health.
- The Opportunity: Healthy rivers support ecosystems, outdoor recreation, and local economies—but face threats from development, pollution, and climate change.

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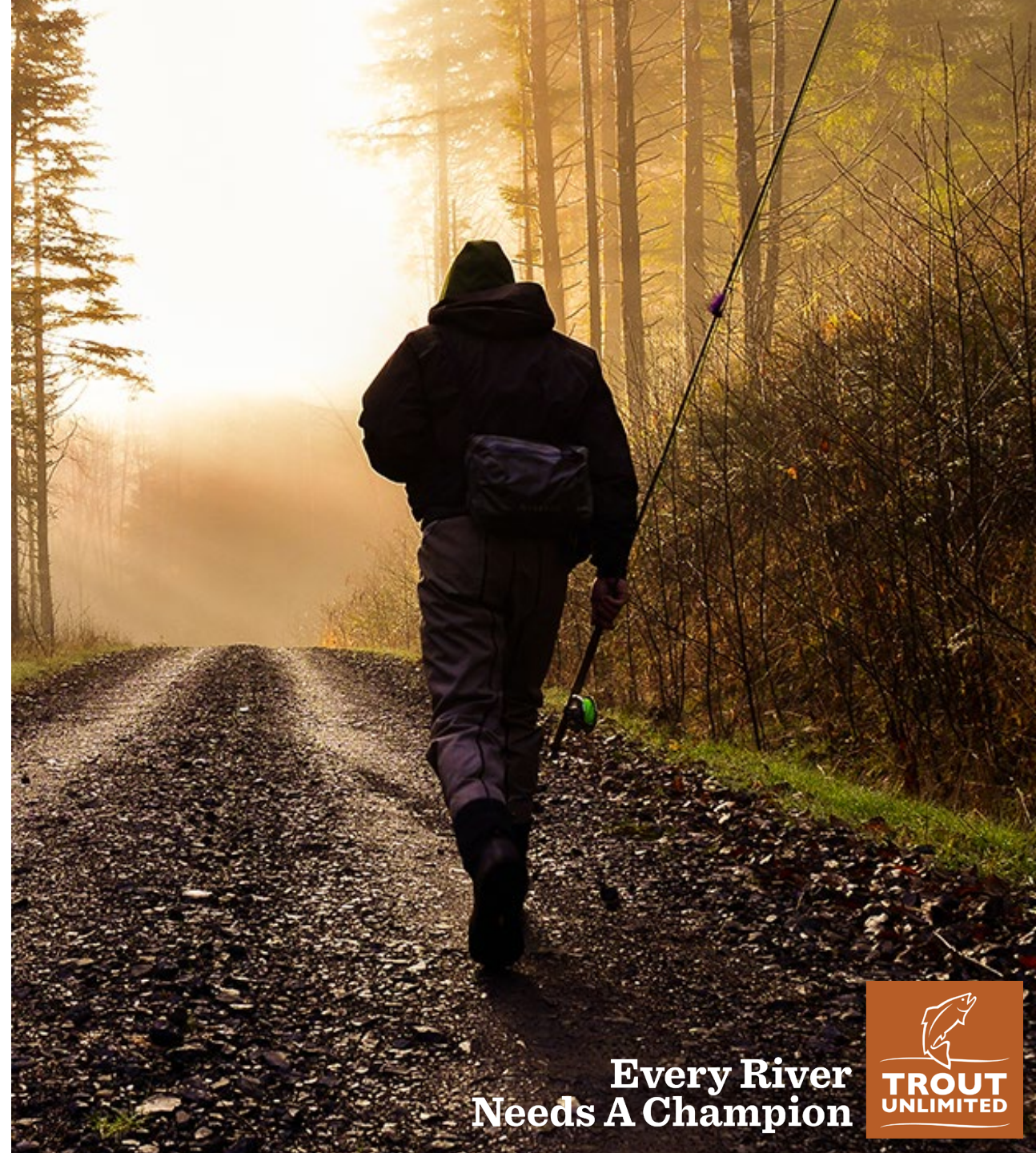


Local Impact:

Eagle Valley Trout Unlimited

Since 2010:

- Restoration & conservation projects completed
- Hundreds of volunteer hours annually
- Trout habitat improved across Eagle County



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Key 2026 Projects

Local impacts in what we are doing:

- **Gore Creek Restoration**

The Gore Creek Restoration project is a flagship effort focusing on restoring river health through habitat improvements and sediment control.

- **Abrams Creek sediment reduction**

Abrams Creek project targets road crossing stabilization using concrete matting to reduce sedimentation threatening native trout.

- **Water Quality Monitoring Program**

The Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Program collects and analyzes watershed data to support environmental protections and planning.

- **Gypsum Study**

Ecosystem Health - The goal of this project is to improve river health and aquatic habitat while protecting critical urban infrastructure and bolstering the town of Gypsum and Eagle County's economies.



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Local Education by EVTU

Trout in the Classroom school year program
Youth fishing days & camps
Water Festival: Macroinvertebrate workshop
partnered with Eagle River Coalition
Public events, fly tying, and education
Building the next generation of conservation
leaders

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RISE for OUR WATERS

2nd Annual EVTU Fundraiser – October 7, 2026

Location: Edwards Interfaith Chapel, Edwards

Gathering to reconnect with our river community,
supporters and friends of EVTU

- Dinner
- Live music
- Silent & Live Auction
- Raffle
- Art Corner and other activities
- Tastings



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Why sponsor EVTU?

Sponsorship benefits:

- Brand visibility across events
- Logo placement on marketing
- Community recognition & support
- Alignment with sustainability & conservation

Sponsors and donors enable EVTU to expand projects, engage new audiences, and respond to environmental challenges.

Your support directly funds local conservation, youth education, and community programs—creating visible, lasting impact.

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Sponsorship levels

1. Cutthroat: \$5,000
2. Rainbow: \$2,500
3. Brown: \$1,000

Join us in protecting Eagle County's rivers.

Contact Eagle Valley TU to support us:
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Exclusive Resorts



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Snapdragon Celebrations



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Liberty Skis

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Ted Vickerman, BOD
Builder / Contractor /
Angler enthusiast



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Restaurant & Bar



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Interactive



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Fly Fishing Guide

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