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Agencies, nonprofits, community and volunteers gather at Sarvis Creek to celebrate conservation of Yampa River Property

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS – This Saturday, representatives of Western Rivers Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership will gather on the Yampa River to celebrate their successful conservation of the historic Hubbard Summer Camp, at the confluence of the Yampa River and Sarvis Creek.

The event will include a brief presentation on the history of the project, a ribbon cutting ceremony and statements from BLM Colorado State Director Ruth Welch; USFS Forest Supervisor Dennis Jaeger; and others.

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015
12:00pm - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Hubbard Summer Camp at Sarvis Creek, on the Yampa River
CR 18, 12 miles south of Steamboat Springs. (For directions and parking information, see below.)

Hosts: Western Rivers Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership

The Hubbard Summer Camp property was conserved in December of 2014, and the celebration was deferred until summer weather would allow volunteers to make improvements to the property.

The 43-acre property lies three miles downstream from Stagecoach Reservoir on the banks of a classic tailwater fishery. Conserving this property created new public access to a stretch of the river that was formerly closed to the public.

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“This property is extremely important, both from a conservation perspective and as a place where people can fish, hunt and hike,” says Wendy Reynolds, field manager for the BLM Little Snake Field Office. “Now that it is publicly owned, we can manage it for its valuable fish and wildlife habitat and to open access to experience exceptional angling in Colorado.”

Early efforts to conserve the Hubbard property date back to 1995. Conservation efforts gained momentum in 2011 when the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership sought inclusion of this parcel in the America’s Great Outdoors initiative. It was then that the BLM approached WRC about acquiring and conserving the property.

“When we learned about Hubbard’s Summer Place,” says WRC President Sue Doroff, “We immediately recognized the need to protect it and make it accessible. It’s a special place, with outstanding conservation values and great potential for low-impact recreation.”

WRC purchased the property in 2013 and began working to assemble the funding to allow the BLM and USFS to acquire the lands. With support from the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership, it conveyed the property to the BLM and USFS so it could be forever managed for conservation and recreation.

“What a great example of how powerful partnerships can be,” said Basia Trout, USFS Yampa District Ranger. “This is a major accomplishment to improve public access for multiple uses and it should be celebrated.”

The property was both an inholding and an edge-holding in the Routt National Forest and lies adjacent to the USFS Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area, BLM lands and the Sarvis Creek State Wildlife Area. Along with adjacent public lands, the Hubbard Summer Camp supports a variety of wildlife habitat, including Rocky Mountain elk, mountain lion and black bear and dusky grouse.

*Due to limited parking at the site, we are asking all guests to park at the **Sarvis State Wildlife Area**. From here, follow the signs along a short trail to the historic cabin.*

Directions to Sarvis State Wildlife Area:

From Steamboat Springs: Follow U.S. Highway 40 three miles south to Highway 131. Follow Hwy 131 for 3.5 miles west and south to Routt County Road 18, and follow 18 seven miles south (left) to the property. The last three miles of this drive are extremely rough and should be driven with caution.

From Yampa: Follow State Highway 131 north for eight miles to Routt County Road 14. Follow RCR 14 east for four miles to Routt County Road 18 at the Stagecoach State Park entrance. Follow RCR 18 for 3.2 miles to the trailhead at Sarvis Creek State Wildlife Area. The last 3.2 miles of this drive are extremely rough and should be driven with caution.

For more information about the project, visit: www.westernrivers.org/projectatlas/sarvis-creek