In 2012, Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) conveyed 2.5 miles of Colorado’s lower Yampa River and opened new access to the east Grand Mountain Garren Wilderness Study Area. Photo by Darrel Distelh.

In 2013, WRC opened new access to a coveted stretch of Yampa fly water and winter steelhead spawning grounds only 13 miles from Steamboat Springs. Photo by Russ Schmitz.

In the desert Southwest, the Gambel’s quail is just one of countless species of wildlife that benefit from the work done by Western Rivers Conservancy. Photo by John Shively.

On the lower Gualala River in California, WRC is working to improve access and shore up unprotected fish and wildlife habitats. Photo by Ruth Durman.

A WRC supporter holds a feisty rainbow trout, hooked on the Yampa River in a stretch that WRC recently made accessible to the public. Photo by Russ Schmitz. (above). In summer 2013, WRC began efforts to conserve 4 miles of the upper Río Grande in the San Luis Valley. WRC’s acquisition will conserve a crucial reach of the river in an area that has lost significant fish and wildlife habitat, and where precious little riverfront is accessible to the public. (next page spread). Photo by Russ Schmitz.
In Arizona, WRC is conserving the last unprotected land inside the焦溪 Creek Wild and Scenic River corridor. Photo by G. Reid Heus

WRC’s conservation efforts benefit not just fish, but the diverse and often imperiled wildlife that rivers sustain. This collared lizard surveys its surroundings on lands WRC has conserved along the Gunnison River. Photo by Nathan West.

Before WRC bought the 45-acre HorshoM Summer Place at the confluence of the Yampa River and Sisita Creek, this stretch of the Yampa was closed to the public. It is now open to all. Photo by Ron Schuster.

In 2012, WRC purchased a 920-acre ranch on Colorado’s Yampa River, at the entrance to Ciro Mountain Canyon. The project opened new public access to 25 miles of the Yampa and tens of thousands of acres of surrounding public land. Photo by David Dietrich.

In 2013, WRC conveyed Ciro Mountain Canyon Ranch on the lower Yampa, to the BLM. The project conserves habitat for four native warm-water fish species and improves access to Ciro Mountain Canyon. Photo by David Dietrich.

In its main office in Portland, Oregon, Western Rivers Conservancy staff members discuss land acquisitions that will conserve prime lands along streams throughout the West. Photo by Danny Fulgencio.

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