



# Starting at the Top: How What Happens in the Poudre's Upper Watershed Affects All of Us Below

**BROWN BAG LUNCH SEMINAR**

**WHEN:** Tues, Sept 23, 2014 from 12:30-1:30

**WHERE:** LSC 372-374

In the summer of 2012, wildfires burned over 87,000 acres of the Cache la Poudre watershed. It quickly became apparent that a wildfire of this scale and intensity could potentially have dramatic negative impacts on the Poudre River - increased runoff, erosion, and flooding would not only change the ecological stability of the forest but also increase the amount of flows, sediment, and debris being delivered to the river. This, in turn, raised concerns about impacts to health of the river, safety on roads, and impacts to our water supply. In the aftermath of the wildfires stakeholders began planning, prioritizing, and implementing post-fire restoration. This informal restoration collaborative has now evolved into a fully-fledged non-profit known as the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW). CPRW's mission is to improve and maintain the ecological health of the Poudre River watershed through community collaboration.



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