

From: [Henry Brown](#)
To: [Michael, Tim, NMENV](#)
Subject: dry Cimarron
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 8:52:05 PM

I agree the lower stretches of the dry Cimarron should be classified as something other than cold water. I am a lifelong (61 years) resident of the lower stretches . The waters way on down tend to be quite warm especially during the very hot summer days.

Thanks

Henry Brown

From: [Shari Morrow](#)
To: [Michael, Tim, NMENV](#)
Subject: Dry Cimarron proposal
Date: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:36:24 AM

Hi Tim,

I noticed the deadline for comments just passed on Sept. 9th. Thought I would give you a comment anyway.

I did not attend the meeting in Folsom as the county steer show was going on and my niece was showing. Bad timing. I have not talked to anyone that attended the meeting so I am in the dark as to the discussion that went on.

I guess I was wondering about the designation of cool-water for the Dry Cimarron. I suppose that is better than cold-water designation. However, is cool-water an accurate assessment for the Dry Cimarron River? I would be curious what the expectations are for the surrounding riparian zone on a cool-water designated creek/river and the ensuing impact for the land owner. My concern is if the management requirements for a cool-water designation are practical and applicable to the Dry Cimarron River.

In summary, my thoughts are that the designation needs to be accurate so the management of the creek is also accurate.

As a land owner, I appreciate your efforts and practical approach to this project. I have learned from the meetings you have held and see a sincere interest and dedication on your part to assess the Dry Cimarron River.

Thanks for your time.
Regards,
Shari Morrow

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Date: Thursday, November 03, 2011 2:19:28 PM

From: Shari Morrow [mailto:trailnalong@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 8:40 PM
To: Michael, Tim, NMENV
Subject: Re: Dry Cimarron proposal

Thanks for your reply. If I understood correctly, the cool water designation for the Dry Cimarron would be the more accurate. Additionally the management of the Dry Cimarron as a cool water creek would therefore be more practical and realistic.

As to requirements, I probably could have found a better word. Maybe expectations or guide lines. The management "expectations or guide lines" for a cool water creek would be more applicable with the correct designation. I didn't mean to cloud the issue.

If there is another meeting or further developments with this project, please keep me posted.

Regards,
Shari Morrow

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Subject: RE: Dry Cimarron proposal
We appreciate comments at any time, before or after September 9.

Based on our understanding of the lower Dry Cimarron climate, water in the stream gets too warm to meet the coldwater designation. However, based on the climate and resulting water temperature, and evidence from fish collections, the water can attain temperatures that are consistent with the coolwater aquatic life designation.

Regarding coolwater management requirements, there are no management *requirements*. If the water is warmer than the temperature associated with coolwater (a possibility in the lower portions), the result might be the preparation of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document based on temperature. The TMDL might be used to help acquire funding for activities such as streambank modifications and plantings and livestock exclusion or limitations. However, there are no requirements. It is our current understanding that the coldwater designation results in unrealistic expectations for any stream improvements or modifications.

I hope this answers your questions, and would be happy to discuss this further.

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