

# ATTENTION ANGLERS!

## Help Protect Your World Class Fishery

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Bureau of Land Management are asking for your cooperation to protect this fishery.

Due to hot summer days, low flows, and high water temperatures fish are stressed, which can cause increased mortality and decreased fish health. Anglers are encouraged to:

- **Avoid late afternoon fishing as it is the warmest part of the day**
- Land fish quickly and do not play fish to exhaustion.
- Keep fish in the water and shade fish from the sun while removing hooks.
- While removing hooks, hold fish upright in the water.
- Consider the use of barbless hooks or crimp your barbs.
- To revive, hold the fish under the belly and rock them gently front to back to stimulate gill action.
- Release fish in shady, flowing water or deep pools when possible.

By reducing the additional stress associated with fish capture and handling, the trout fishery can be sustained through adverse conditions.

Your participation in this effort is greatly appreciated,

Thank you!

