

Fellow CTU members—

Some 40 groups statewide, including TU national, CTU and other sporting groups, have submitted a resolution to have the State Parks Board more equitably distribute some \$3.2 million in annual ORV registration fees (aka sticker funds), to include grants for targeted ORV law enforcement and restoration of ORV damage to fish and wildlife habitat on public lands. Biologically, the number of ORVs out there today splashing through and all to often “playing” in high-mountain streams, including native cutthroat habitat, can be disastrous to local and downstream cold-water fisheries. For a general background on the major issues, follow this link to my recent Huffington Post editorial blog:

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-petersen/a-sickly-smell-from-the-c b 445149.html>

As things now stand, the Parks Board will announce their decision at the March meeting, which means they are working toward that decision even now. The motorized community is responding, unfortunately but predictably, with Chicken Little exaggerations, distortions and false accusations. So please take a moment *right now* to send an email to the Parks Board urging them to adopt the resolution proposed by TU, CTU, BHA, CWF, CBA and nearly 40 other groups. We can win this one, but only if you send that email today.

Direct your email to:
Dean Winstanley, Director, State Parks Board
parksinfo@state.co.us

As always, your note needn't be long, detailed, or polished. Simply let the Parks Board know that you are a concerned Colorado sportsman and encourage them to adopt the ORV Funds Redistribution Resolution in full.

Thank you,

David Petersen
TU – Sportsmen's Conservation Project

Attachments:
Parks Board Resolution
Denver Post op-ed