

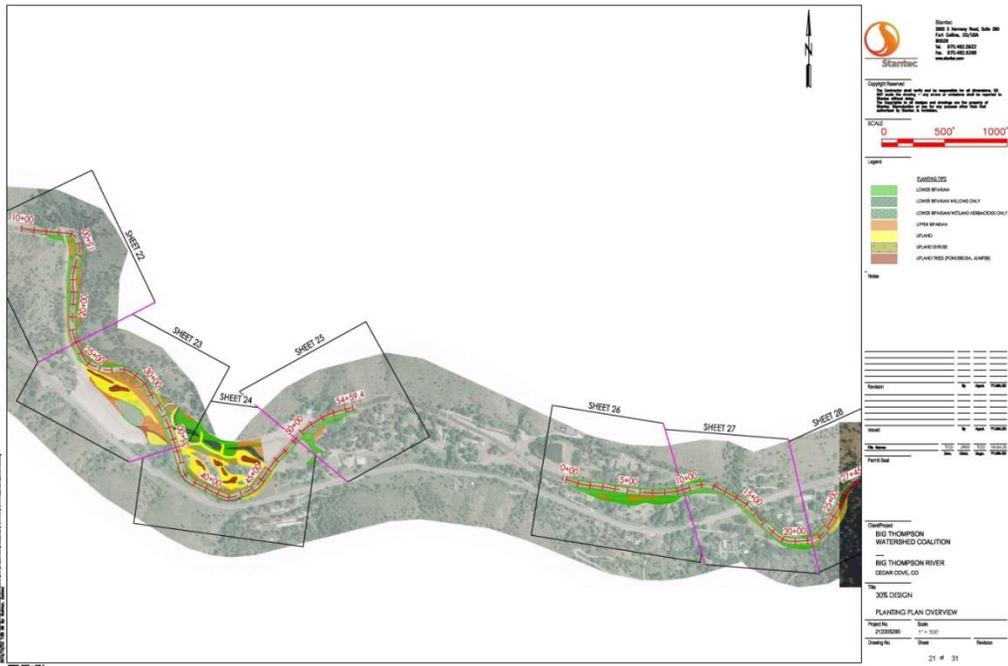
## BTWC VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH CLEAN-UP



On October 8, several Big Thompson Watershed Coalition volunteers assisted the City of Loveland with their Annual Waterway Clean-Up event. Volunteers met at Highway 287 and 39<sup>th</sup> in Loveland and removed garbage and debris from Dry Creek – which included items ranging from soda bottles to grocery carts, and even a television and kitchen stove! BTWC participants in this even included Bob Trout, Laura Emerson, Dave Piske, Tracy Wendt, Shayna and Mike Jones, Gene and Bonnie Downey, and Bob Lecoq. Following the event, volunteers retired to the Big Thompson Brewery, who hosted an after party. More information about the City of Loveland’s Annual Waterway Clean-up and other City events can be found at: <http://www.cityofloveland.org/about/events-calendar>.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### CEDAR COVE & JASPER LAKE



On September 28, the Coalition hosted its second neighborhood meeting/open house for property owners in the Cedar Cove and Jasper Lake river reaches. At the meeting, property owners were able to meet with the Coalition staff, project consultant Stantec, and project partner CDOT to review and discuss draft river restoration plans for the area. The draft plans include a draft planning plan that will be part of the project to help re-establish

riparian plants throughout the river corridor within this project area (a picture of the planting plan overview is shown above). For those not able to attend the meeting, the draft plans are posted on the Coalition’s website at <http://www.bigthompson.co/reach-reps/lower-canyon/>. Next steps are for the Coalition and its team to finish design and permitting. The coalition is partnering with CDOT to construct the project in early 2017 using grant funds from multiple sources secured by the Coalition. If you are a property owner in the project area and have not completed your participation agreement/permission to enter forms, or have any questions about the forms or the project, please contact Shayna Jones at [shayna.jones@bigthompson.co](mailto:shayna.jones@bigthompson.co) or at (970) 962-2768.

## PROJECT UPDATES, CONTINUED...

### GLENN HAVEN PROJECT

Construction on the Coalition's river restoration project in Glen Haven is underway! The Coalition has been working with its project partners Larimer County, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection Program team, the Glen Haven Association, and other private property owners on a river restoration project along Fox and West Creeks. West Creek construction has begun, and the project team is aiming to start construction on Fox Creek in mid-November. More information about the project, including photos of the construction via a Twitter Feed (you do not need Twitter to view) can be found at:

<http://www.bigthompson.co/glen-haven-fox-creek-west-creek/>.

Questions about this project? Contact Shayna Jones at [shayna.jones@bigthompson.co](mailto:shayna.jones@bigthompson.co) or at (970) 962-2768 for more information.



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### OXBOWS, MIDWAY, AND ROSSUM-WILSON PROJECT

The Coalition held a pre-bid meeting on October 26 for potential bidders on our most recent CDBG-DR Planning project, Plan for Priority Reaches. This project will include river design to 30% for the Oxbows, Midway, and Rossum-Wilson Reaches. Proposals for this project are due on November 10 and the award will be announced later in the month. It is anticipated that the selected contractor will begin planning around the end of this year.

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### WALTONIA, MOUNTAIN SHADOWS AND WEST DRAKE

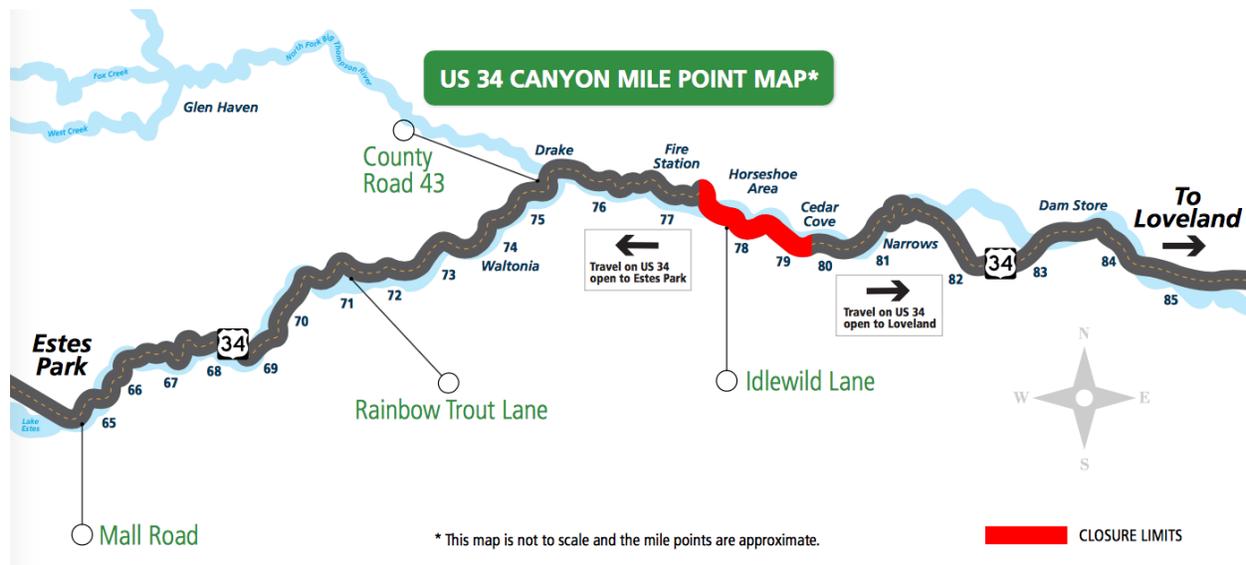
On October 25, the Coalition held a public meeting in Loveland to provide landowners at Waltonia, Mountain Shadows and west of Drake to review the conceptual plans for river restoration in that area. Project partners from Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) were on hand to present the plans and to answer questions. On October 27, the EWP team and representatives from the Coalition toured the project areas to prepare for revisions and further development of the project plan. The next step is for the EWP design team to progress the project design to 30%, at which time there will be another public meeting for plan review. If you are a landowner in Waltonia, Mountain Shadows or west of Drake and were not able to attend the informational meeting, please contact Tracy Wendt at [tracy.wendt@bigthompson.co](mailto:tracy.wendt@bigthompson.co) or (970) 962-2768 for more information and pertinent forms. The information presented at the public meeting, including conceptual plans, are available on our website: <http://www.bigthompson.co/waltonia-and-mountain-shadow-projects/>. The funding for this project was secured by the Coalition and includes funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service EWP Program, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for Watershed Resilience.

## HIGHWAY 34 CLOSURE UPDATE

As of October 17, the Big Thompson Canyon is closed between mile markers 77 - 80. Residents displaying a permit may pass through the closure only between 6 - 8:30 am and 4 - 7 pm. CDOT and Kiewit have been issuing updated information about the closure via email and on their website, [us34canyon.codot.gov](http://us34canyon.codot.gov). You can also call (970) 667-1005 or email [infous34@kiewit.com](mailto:infous34@kiewit.com) for closure information. In addition, canyon residents are operating a Facebook group that provides everything canyon-related: from closure updates to bear sightings to neighborhood information. Search for "We Survived the Flood, Now What?" on Facebook and join the group.

Some updates provided so far:

- Businesses are still open! Don't forget that even while the canyon is closed, your friends and neighbors are still operating businesses west of Loveland and from Estes Park down to Drake.
- CDOT and Kiewit are making every effort to reduce inconvenience during the closure. Weekend traffic plans will be posted at [us34canyon.codot.gov](http://us34canyon.codot.gov) on Saturdays. Currently, the canyon will be open for extended hours on Saturday night from 4 pm until midnight, and Sunday from 6 am until 7 pm *to drivers with residential permits* when work levels allows.
- Use caution while driving during the closure: there may be rough surfaces and wildlife is present.
- During the closure, the canyon is a nice, quiet place to fish! Because of construction activities in the lower canyon, we recommend avoiding the area between Larimer CR29 and the Waltonia bridge. However, the upper canyon is largely intact and will likely provide some great fall angling opportunities.
- Residential permits are now available only by appointment. Call (970) 667-1005 or email [infous34@kiewit.com](mailto:infous34@kiewit.com) for more information.



## DO YOU HAVE A BTWC T-SHIRT YET?



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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH BTWC!



Join BTWC at the Big Thompson Brewery on December 14<sup>th</sup> for a Holiday Celebration! Bring a dish to share at our potluck and wear something festive. We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays with YOU! And, Merry Christmas to us, The Big Thompson Brewery will donate \$1 from every pint sold between 5 – 9 pm to BTWC!



## BTWC Wants to Hear From You!

Thanks for reading the Fall 2016 Big Thompson Watershed Coalition newsletter. Moving forward, we hope to provide newsletters on a quarterly basis and we could use your help! If there is something you would like to see covered in a future newsletter or you would like to provide comments or feedback, please contact Tracy or Shayna.

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