

## Western Native Trout Initiative Final Report

The goal of Popo Agie Gold is to raise awareness about the Popo Agie Watershed through educational and artistic programs. The funds generously provided by the Western Native Trout Initiative were used for both types of programming. Local Lander 8<sup>th</sup> grade students learned about our watershed and how to be good stewards from scientists at the Popo Agie Conservation District, the Department of Environmental Quality, and Wyoming Game and Fish. During this instructional time they wrote portions of text to be included in the Popo Agie Gold Watershed Field Guide. The students also worked with local scientific illustrator, Bethann Garramon Merkle, to provide illustrations for the field guide. 2,000 Popo Agie Gold Watershed Field Guides were printed. They have been distributed at the Lander Wyoming Outdoor Weekend, Popo Agie Conservation District Garden Expo, the One Shot Antelope Hunt, and to every school in the Fremont County School District #1.

Snow Deep Designs has been commissioned to complete a mural on the restrooms located in the City Park. The mural is an artistic celebration of the watershed and the wildlife that can be found within it. City Park hosts several large events throughout the year including the Lander Art Center RiverFest, the Lander Chamber of Commerce Brewfest, the International Climber's Festival, and the Rotary Club's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Buffalo BBQ. Visitors from around the world will see the mural. In the spring a community element will be added where students and community members will paint large water droplets.