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Final financial & performance reports

October 01, 2015 – September 30, 2016 for Cooperative Agreement Award F13AC00642 “ Bear Creek Sediment Mitigation Project (Phase I).” granted to the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (CMCTU) On June 1, 2017 the name of Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited was officially changed to Pikes Peak Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (PPCTU)

This report concerns the work being done to address the sedimentation issue in the Bear Creek Drainage, the home of the only remaining population of Colorado Greenback Cutthroat Trout, *Oncorhynchus clarkii stonias* a listed species.

On or about July 1 2016 the NEPA document was signed by the Ranger for the US Forest Service, allowing work to begin on this project. CMCTU contracted with the Rocky Mountain Field Institute to decommission the social trail that followed the stream, breaking off trail 666 and traveling for approximately 1.1 miles. This trail was adding significant amounts of sediment to the stream. Work on the removal of this trail began on July 5th and was completed on about July 16th. This trail removal included de-compacting the trail, seeding the area and covering the area with wood. Where needed, the trail was reconstructed to eliminate water drainage down the trail and disperse any water that might accumulate. The wood placement is also intended to discourage hikers from bypassing the area and creating a new social trail. The Forest Service encourage the cutting of trees for the use in discouraging this new trail creation and ask that it be done also with an eye to thin the forest growth for fire mitigation. No culturally modified trees or hollow trees were to be cut.

Two of the work days on this project were volunteer days for members of CMCTU . We had more than 200 hours of volunteer time on the ground on this project. This does not include the volunteer hours put in on the preparation leading up to the projects completion.

In the Spring of 2017 CMCTU signed an agreement, along with other grant recipients with the City of Colorado Springs to act as General Contractor for the sediment mitigation work on High Drive. The work of moving and narrowing of High Drive began in the fall of 2017. High Drive parallels and crosses Bear Creek in the lower section and adds great amounts of sedimentation to the stream. This work was completed in 2018.

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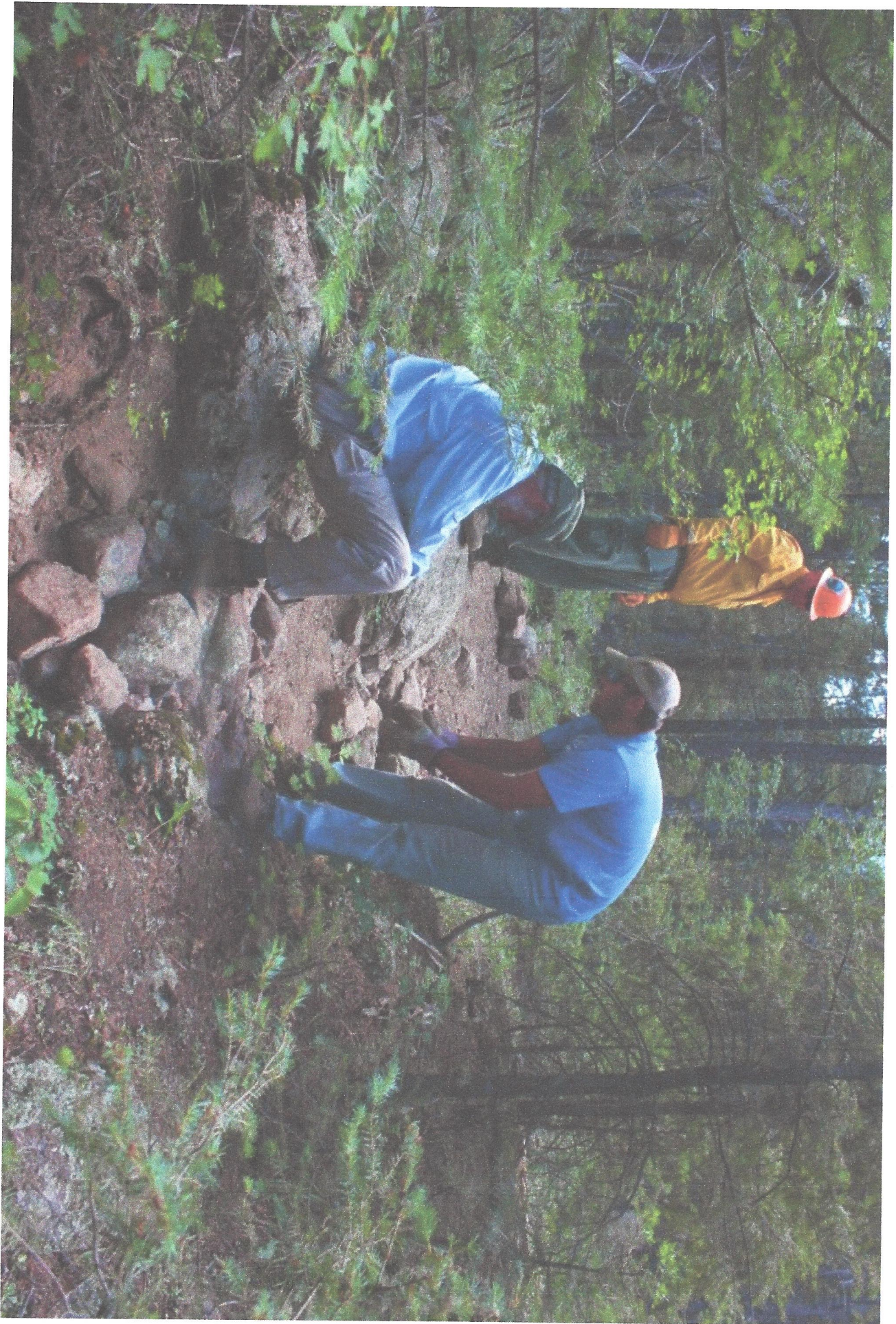
This work included moving High Drive out of the riparian area of the stream, narrowing it as this road has been closed to the public and is to be used only for utilities reasons, such as fire mitigation replacing two culverts and putting in place check dams along the edges to direct water off the road and to collect sediment. The road was also seeded in order that sediment would be stabilized.

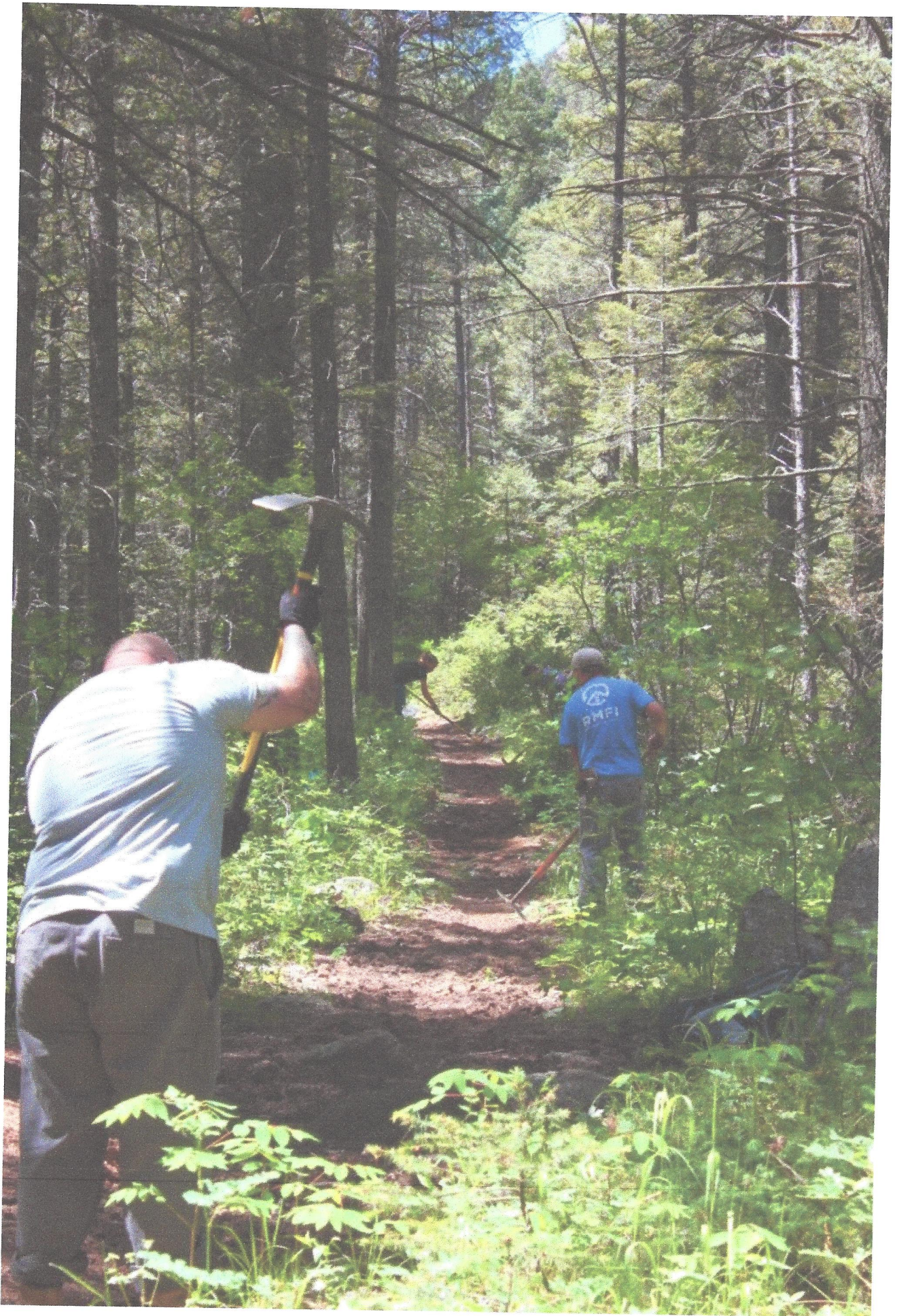
The Pikes Peak Chapter of Trout Unlimited want to Thank the Western Native Trout Initiative in providing this opportunity to make a difference in the protection and recovery of this threatened species.

Please see photographs included with this report.



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