CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS FOR
A HEALTHY, WORKING RIVER

Third Annual Poudre River Forum 2016
Friday, February 5  9am – 4pm
The Ranch, Loveland

Morning
Views of the River, displays and educational materials from local organizations

Welcome and Overview, Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute and the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group

Animated History of the Poudre  Video, Poudre Heritage Alliance

“Nexus of Agriculture and the Poudre River: Current Realities and Planning for the Future” - Competition for agricultural water supply is intensifying and will likely have implications on future productivity. Hear panelists representing a variety of agricultural operations and expertise discuss their reliance on Poudre River water, their planning for the future given a growing demand for this limited resource, and how the dynamics of this vital economic sector affect their relationship with the River.

• Rod Weimer, Fagerberg Farms
• Luke Lind, JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding
• Casey DeHaan, Great Western Dairy
• Amy Kafka, Garden Sweet Farm
• Tom Trout, USDA-Agricultural Research Service
  Luke Runyon, KUNC and Harvest Media  Moderator

Year in the Life of a Ditch Company  Video, Eric Brown, Communications, Colorado Corn

KEYNOTE
“An Inspiring Story Of Agricultural/Environmental Cooperation On Wyoming’s Little Snake River,” Pat O’Toole, Family Farm Alliance

Afternoon
“Challenges Of Pursuing Water Projects And Initiatives: Key Ingredients And Lessons For Success” - There are several large, complex and controversial water projects proposed for the Poudre River basin. Panelists will explore what it takes to get to “yes” under challenging circumstances, and often with diametrically opposed views. Examples include the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, and the Windy Gap Firming Project.

• Dan Luecke, environmental scientist and hydologist
• Dave Little, retired - formerly with Denver Water
• Mely Whiting, Trout Unlimited
• Pete Taylor, Sociology-Colorado State University
  Kevin Duggan, Coloradoan  Moderator

Closing Thoughts

Reception: Live music from Blue Grama, Odell brews & refreshments, and prizes