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## Hermosa Creek Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT) Re-introduction Fisheries Program FY2012 Accomplishments San Juan National Forest, Rocky Mountain Region

**State:** Colorado

**Congressional District:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Accomplishments:**

- CRCT population established in 14 miles of headwater stream;
- Completed a habitat improvement project addressing erosional issues and lack of over-wintering habitat.

**Forest Service Contribution:** \$90,000

**Partner Contribution:** \$30,000

**Project Costs:** \$110,000

**External Partners:**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Trout Unlimited (TU).

**Internal Partners:**

Fisheries, Engineering.

The long term objective of this project is to establish an interbreeding meta-population of native CRCT in 23 miles of stream. Two isolated populations currently exist in headwater streams. The final goal is to connect the two populations to create the meta-population.

Projects designed to increase CRCT populations have prevented the ESA listing of CRCT. Partners have provided both matching funding and on-the-ground work in support of this project due to the importance of CRCT persistence. The accomplishments listed above are for 2012 only.



*Barrier to upstream fish migration constructed on Hermosa Creek by the SJNF in 2007. CRCT were introduced above this barrier in 2012.*



*Typical bank rehabilitation and in-stream structure constructed during the habitat improvement project in 2011 and 2012.*

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