

WESTERN NATIVE TROUT CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 2020

Fun Trout Challenge Facts

A total of 639 people have registered for the Challenge

California leads the states in registrants, followed by Utah, Arizona, and Oregon

Of the 639 registrants, 13% are female and 87% are male

A total of 77 individuals have completed one or more levels of the Challenge

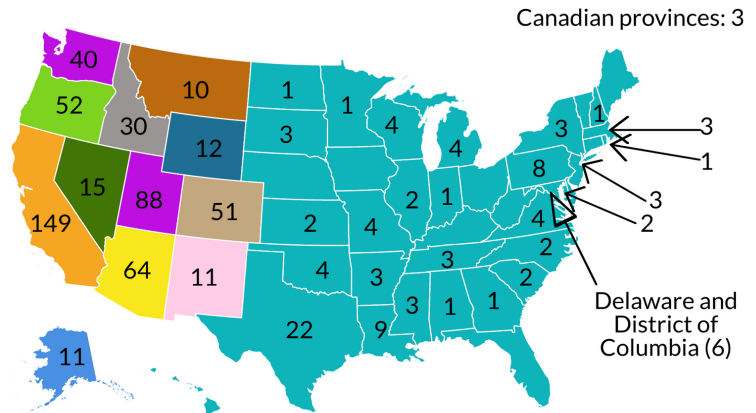
Of Challenge completions, 5% are Master Casters, 19% are Advanced Casters, and 76% are Expert Casters

Everyone is having fun!

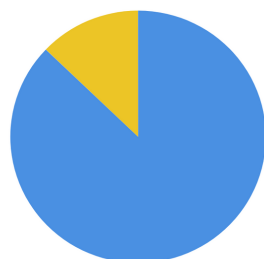


WNTI TROUT CHALLENGE REGISTRATION AND COMPLETIONS

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS (639)

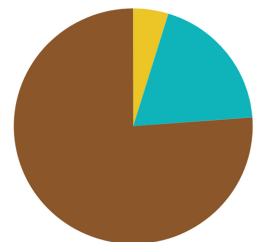


WNTI Trout Challenge Registrations



Male (87.17%) Female (12.83%)
(based on names submitted to registration database)

WNTI Trout Challenge Completions



Master Caster (4.76%)
Advanced Caster (19.05%)
Expert Caster (76.19%)

WNTI Trout Challenge Registrations

Fund Cottonwood Creek Fish Passage Barrier

WNTI Trout Challenge registrations and donations from 2019 supported an on-the-ground project in Montana for native fish security. The goal was to increase an aboriginal Westslope Cutthroat Trout (WCT) population in high-value habitat and increase the availability of genetically pure WCT for reintroductions across the Upper Missouri River Basin by constructing a wooden-drop fish passage barrier to prevent rainbow-cutthroat hybrid and brown trout from interacting with the native WCT.



Thanks to Challenge registrants for your support, and to our partners at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Montana Trout Unlimited that made this project a success!

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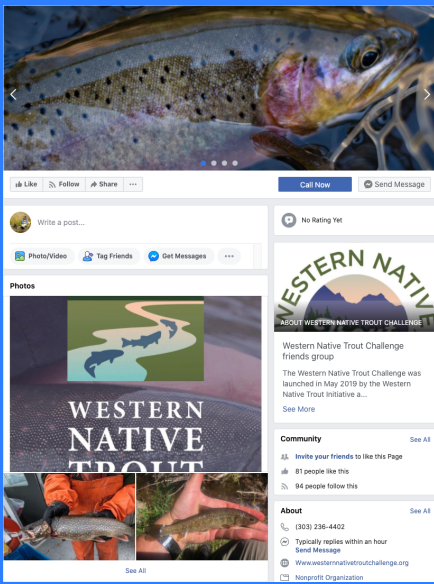
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A Trout Enthusiast's Wall of Pride



Eric Jeter of Broomfield, Colorado displays his awards for completing the California Heritage Trout Challenge, the Utah Cutthroat Slam, the Wyoming Cutthroat Slam, and the WNTI Trout Challenge. Congratulations, Eric!

Other Cool Challenge Participant Factoids . . .

- The first person to complete the Master Caster, Stephen MacMillan, has now caught all 20 species current included in the program!
- D. Mark Hutchings completed the Master Caster, and then completed the Advanced Caster - twice!
- The first father/son team (Oliver and Ben Sheridan) completed the first two levels of the Challenge; a second father/son team (Crew and Sheldon Clouse) completed the first Challenge level.
- The first husband/wife team (Laurie Banks and Ken Davis) completed the Master level!

