

# What Sportsmen Are Saying About the Clean Water Rule

**H**unters and anglers are responding positively to the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' move to more clearly define the waterways and wetlands that should receive protection under the Clean Water Act. In newspapers, magazines, blogs, and letters to Washington, the sportsmen community is celebrating this victory for fish and wildlife habitat and anyone who appreciates clean drinking water.



**"An important win for hunters and anglers."**  
– Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

**"The Clean Water rule keeps us moving forward in protecting and restoring our headwaters."**  
– Tim Mauck and Dan Gibbs, Colorado county commissioners



**"Will bring about healthier ecosystems that will benefit fish and wildlife, allow the American people places to recreate and [enable] our industry to conduct business."**  
– Over 100 members of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association in a letter to President Obama

**"Anglers across the nation should be grateful to the Corps, the EPA and the Obama Administration for developing the new rule, and to many members of Congress who have defended it from Congressional attack."**  
– Mike Moore, Ohio Outdoor News

**"It simply protects the waters that contribute to our sporting culture..."**  
– S. Chris Hunt, Hatch Magazine

**"Gives Colorado sportsmen certainty that the wetlands and headwater streams that form the backbone of our state's \$3 billion outdoor recreation economy will be safeguarded."**  
– David Nickum of Colorado Trout Unlimited and Kent Pepler of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

**"Infinitely better than where we were for the last 10 years, when the majority of our stream sides and waterfowl habitat and many of our drinking water sources were vulnerable to destruction."**  
– Bob Marshall, Field & Stream

**"We must strongly oppose efforts to overturn the rule—and question the motives of those who would undermine it. Consider everything Montana stands to lose if their efforts are successful."**  
– Greg Munther, co-chair of the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

**"By ensuring Clean Water Act protection for the headwaters and adjacent wetlands that feed our larger rivers, the rule will help secure water quality needed for our fisheries, farms and families in the Arkansas valley."**  
– Ben Wurster, Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter of Trout Unlimited