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**Notable Colorado Author Addresses**

**Fort Collins CMC Group Annual Dinner - Saturday November 19**

**Jonathan Waterman - *Running Dry: A Journey from Source to Sea Down the Colorado River***



In the spring of 2008, Jonathan Waterman, a National Geographic Society grantee, Sonoran Institute Fellow, and an award-winning author, began a journey by foot and boat down the iconic mother of all western American rivers, the Colorado. Standing at over 10,000 feet in Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, he emptied his mother's ashes into the headwaters and began a journey by foot and boat down the river, all the way to its last trickle in the Sonoran desert and down the parched Mexican delta to the Pacific Ocean. It would be the first time anyone had ever traveled from these headwaters 1,450-miles to Gulf of California. As detailed in his lecture, his journey was a challenging and complicated passage—mirroring the issues faced in the West during drought and population growth.

As part of his Colorado River Project, Waterman has undertaken a lecture campaign throughout the west to educate the public about the river's challenges in times of climate change and population growth. He also chronicles his experience and the river in his new narrative book, *Running Dry: A Journey From Source to Sea Down the Colorado River*, a photo book, *The Colorado River: Flowing through Conflict*, and a National Geographic Colorado River Basin Wall Map. The Colorado, sometimes called the American Nile, supplies water for 30 million people and more than 3 million farm acres, across 7 western states and northern Mexico. But the demands made on the river have put its very future at stake. The river has not reached the sea for many years. It is the lifeblood of the American West, and as its waters dip to an all-time low, the economy, wildlife, people, and very landscape of this vast region are in jeopardy.

During the Social Period/Cash Bar, and following his lecture, Jon Waterman will be signing and selling his books, ***Running Dry, The Colorado River***, and some of his past and popular adventure titles, including: ***In the Shadow of Denali, High Alaska, Where Mountains Are Nameless, The Quotable Climber, Arctic Crossing***, and ***Kayaking the Vermillion Sea***. This will be a great opportunity to pick up personalized signatures for holiday gifts.

After our dinner, before the talk, we will take time to vote for the Fort Collins Group Council members for the coming year. At this time we also will recognize Fort Collins CMC members who have made special efforts on behalf of our Group.

**To be sure that you are included, fill out the reservation/payment form below and mail it in today. Early-bird reservations must be postmarked by November 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive the reduced rate of \$25.** Guests accompanied by CMC members are welcome. Non-CMC members are also welcome to attend the dinner and program by making a reservation. Their price is the same as for members.

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

**The Lodge at MacKenzie Place 4751 Pleasant Oak Drive, Fort Collins, CO**

Directions: Take Harmony Rd to McMurry Avenue, just west of Timberline Rd. Turn south on McMurry Ave. Turn right into the MacKenzie Place community on Pleasant Oak Drive. On the south side of the road (left), you will see a building labeled The Lodge with a flag pole in front. There will be sufficient parking close by.

**Schedule of Activities:**

**6:00 PM Social period/Cash Bar**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

**7:45 PM Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and Recognition of Members**

**8:00 PM Program - Jonathan Waterman - *Running Dry: A Journey from Source to Sea Down the Colorado River***

**Buffet Meal Menu: Appetizer (mozzarella sticks with marinara), Caesar salad, garlic bread, meat or vegetarian lasagna, mixed Italian sautéed vegetables, dessert (mixed berry pie or chocolate raspberry cake).  
Beverages included: coffee, tea, iced tea, water.**

Remember: Price includes tax and gratuity.

-----Cut along this line and mail the reservation form along with payment-----

Early Bird Deadline (\$25 per person) - Postmark by November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Final Deadline (\$30 per person) - Postmark by November 10<sup>th</sup>

Checks payable to: Colorado Mountain Club

Send to: Kevin McCartney, 2820 Brush Creek Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80528

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_City\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate your choice of either:

Meat Lasagna

Vegetarian Lasagna

Please indicate your dessert choice of either:

Mixed Berry Pie

Chocolate Raspberry Cake