

# 2026 REDHILL FISHING

## *High Stream Temperature Alert & Procedures*

### **Dear Redhill Members:**

Due to the near record low snowpack along the South Platte drainage, we will very likely need to implement “hoot owl” restrictions in the near future and potentially full closure of the stream to protect the trout population as the summer progresses.

In anticipation of the decreased streamflow, the Fishing Committee in partnership with the Ranch Owners have installed one cellular thermometer in Areas 1 & 2 on a trial basis, providing real time data on the water temperature. Over the last couple of weeks, the device has sent consistent readings, and we intend to install another thermometer upstream in Area 3 in the near future to give a more complete picture of what is happening on the water on any given day. The cellular thermometers are placed along fencelines to minimize their footprints. Please do not touch or otherwise interfere with the devices as the readings provide critical information for managing the fishery.

From the graph that follows, we have already exceeded 65 F degrees this season, which is the lower limit where Trout Unlimited (TU) and most local fly shops recommend taking water temperature into account and changing approach. Please see the attached diagram from TU for reference, which are also included in each sign-in kiosk. Accordingly, the Fishing Committee has recommended the following procedures and supplemental regulations to the Redhill Board for their consideration. These procedures and supplemental regulations were approved on June 16 and are now in effect. Failure to follow the supplemental regulations may result in suspension of fishing privileges under Regulation 16-2.

### **Procedures:**

- Notify the membership when stream temperatures exceed 65 F degrees.
- Mandatory hoot owl fishing restrictions when stream temperatures exceed 68 F degrees, i.e., no fishing from 2:00 pm to dawn the next day.
- Mandatory stream closure to all fishing when stream temperatures exceed 70 F degrees for three consecutive days, i.e., no fishing allowed at any time. **The gates will have an additional lock during mandatory stream closures, so no access to any Fishing Area is permitted.**
- Return to mandatory hoot owl fishing restrictions when stream temperatures are below 68 degrees for three consecutive days following a mandatory stream closure.
- Return to normal / no temperature restrictions when stream temperatures are below 65 F degrees for three consecutive days following a mandatory hoot owl fishing restriction.

### **Supplemental Regulation 16-2:**

- Authorized Fishing Members and Guests must adhere to the procedures above and follow all posted signage.
- Authorized Fishing Members and Guests must adhere to TU guidelines at all times and

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cease fishing when the daily stream temperature reaches 68 F degrees and are encouraged to start winding up their outing when the daily stream temperature exceeds 65 F degrees.

Changes in status of fishing conditions and restrictions will be emailed to the members' addresses we have on file from the 2026 fishing applications. If you would like additional email addresses included in this distribution list, please let us know at [fishing@redhillforest.org](mailto:fishing@redhillforest.org).

### **Best Practices & Alternatives:**

To help preserve the trout population during peak summer heat:

- **Fish early:** Hit the waters in the morning after rivers have had all night to cool down.
- **Head to higher elevations:** High-country lakes, streams, and tailwaters stay cooler and provide a safer habitat for trout.
- **Carry a thermometer:** Please consider adding a stream thermometer to your kit to actively monitor temperatures while you are on the water. Due to low streamflow, conditions can change rapidly. While we do not endorse any particular brand, a couple of options are linked below that have worked well with limited testing by Fishing Committee members. Digital thermometers tend to measure faster and are generally easier to read.

### **Useful Links:**

#### *Additional Reference Material*

<https://www.summitdaily.com/news/colorado-anglers-fear-drought-fish-alive-summer/>

[https://issuu.com/highcountryangler/docs/hca\\_summer\\_21/34](https://issuu.com/highcountryangler/docs/hca_summer_21/34)

<https://coloradotu.org/blog/2021/6/trout-and-water-temperature-when-its-time-for-a-break>

#### *Thermometers*

Fishpond Riverkeeper Digital Thermometer ~\$35

<https://a.co/d/0fpLzH7q>

TempPro Digital Instant Read Meat Thermometer for Grilling Waterproof Kitchen Food Thermometer ~\$12

<https://a.co/d/0gYPrcwB>

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions, or if you have any questions, please contact the Fishing Committee at [fishing@redhillforest.org](mailto:fishing@redhillforest.org).

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# Sample Cellular Stream Thermometer Readings

**RHF Area 1-2 - YQF82G**  
Walking Bear Ranch-Water Temp

Status ■ Battery: ■  
4.17V

Last Read: 1 hour ago Update (6)

Temperature

65.1°F

Safe Range: 27°F to 65°F

Humidity

21%

Safe Range: 7% to 85%

Wet Bulb

46.6°F

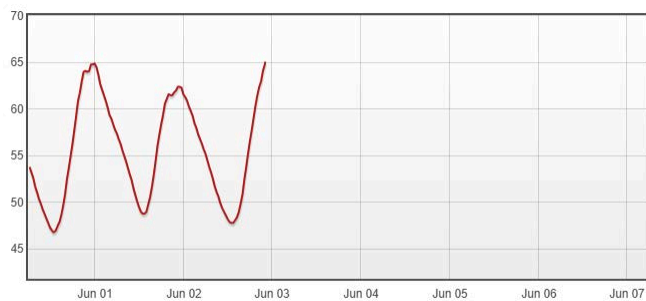
Settings

History

SPucks(0)

Subscription

MarCell PRO



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Dates: May 31, 2026 - June 6, 2026

- Temp (°)
- Humidity (%)
- Power

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Date/Time	Temp	Humidity	Power	Temp Alarm	Humidity Alarm	Water Alarm
06/02/26 4:12 PM	65.10	20.60	ON	ALARM		
06/02/26 4:03 PM	64.80	20.70	ON			
06/02/26 3:33 PM	64.10	21.10	ON			
06/02/26 3:03 PM	63.00	22.30	ON			
06/02/26 2:33 PM	62.40	20.50	ON			
06/02/26 2:02 PM	61.50	22.40	ON			
06/02/26 1:32 PM	60.40	24.60	ON			
06/02/26 1:02 PM	59.10	29.10	ON			
06/02/26 12:32 PM	57.80	36.50	ON			
06/02/26 12:02 PM	56.60	37.80	ON			

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# WATER THERMOMETER

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