

2023 Open House — Saturday May 13 — Baca National Wildlife Refuge

Join us for a presentation at 10:00 am

Rio Grande Chub and Rio Grande Sucker

Cole Brittain

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Join biologist Cole Brittain as he provides an overview of the ecology and life history of fish found on the refuge. Cole will highlight rare and imperiled species, including the Rio Grande Chub and Rio Grande Sucker. He will explain how we monitor the populations of these species. Moreover, Cole will capture some live specimens to provide the audience a close look at these important members of the refuge ecosystem.

Cole Brittain is a Fisheries Biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is based in Gunnison, Colorado. He has been monitoring and aiding recovery efforts for native fish in southwestern Colorado for over 10 years. Cole has been with the FWS for the past 5 years and previously worked for Colorado Parks & Wildlife for 7 years. Cole received his undergraduate degree from Texas State University. Later, he completed his master's degree at Colorado State University where he studied fish passage for the small bodied native fish of Colorado.



Rio Grande Chub



Rio Grande Sucker