

Redwood Fisher (Red)

Redwood must have spoken in glowing terms about his time in Grand County. His son Charles, only two when his father was killed, spent most of his life near Grand Lake, built a summer home on the North Inlet below the Rapids Lodge, purchased 160 acres on the east side of the Colorado River from the Fred Selak estate. He died here in August 1945. Charles and his wife Sara had a son in May 1907, whom they named Redwood.

The junior Redwood “Red” Fisher also spent most of his life in the Grand Lake area. He was an early Park ranger and helped stock many of the high lakes on horseback. After his marriage to Helen Schultz in 1928 he started ranching below the present Shadow Mountain dam on land purchased from Mrs. Cairns. He later acquired the 7V/ on Stillwater Creek. He was President of the Colorado Dude Ranch Association in 1947 and traveled to conventions in Chicago and elsewhere promoting Colorado’s guest ranches with displays of fancy roping and riding. His own dude ranch, Fisherancho, was on the land below Shadow Mountain Dam and served guests until the 1950s. The barn still stands, and is now part of the Arapaho Recreation Area.



Red and Helen Fisher