

Colorado Watershed Assembly
Annual **Report**
2009

A Guide to Community
Watershed
Groups
and Projects
in Colorado



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People inherently care about the environmental health of their communities but civic engagement in water and watershed issues will always be a challenge. The purpose of the Colorado Watershed Assembly is to recognize, publicize and support the grassroots citizen groups concerned with local natural resource issues. The Assembly strives to improve public awareness by serving as a statewide voice for watershed groups, providing an ongoing mechanism to funnel additional resources and to amplify local public outreach and educational efforts.

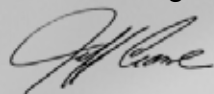
The Assembly is a coalition of over 70 local citizen groups that undertake very different activities and have memberships that differ widely in their sociopolitical and economic makeup, but share a commitment to solving watershed problems based upon consensus, cooperation and on-the-ground projects. They were formed by concerned citizens working cooperatively with government agencies and regional water districts to better understand the “threats to their watersheds” and address a myriad of problems including water quality, water supply, environmental degradation, community education and outreach, recreation, agricultural diversions, water conservation, compact compliance and quality of life concerns.

A recent National Gallop Poll in March 2009 found that 59% of Americans worry a great deal about water pollution. This is a perilous time for grassroots organizations. There is more competition for fewer resources. Yet in this challenging time of government cutbacks and reduced private-sector funding we need to expand and support our network of volunteers to monitor and enhance the natural resources of local watersheds.

In our River Watch program we train teachers and watershed coordinators to develop water quality monitoring teams with students and other volunteers. We support over 110 citizen scientist teams monitoring Colorado’s rivers and streams using strict protocols approved by Colorado Dept of Public Health & Environment and the EPA. The data collected is used by local decision-makers as well as by the Water Quality Control Commissioners in the administration of the Clean Water Act. With River Watch, student education and giving back to the community are not done on a purely theoretical level. This program has made a mark on the environmental ethic and understanding of over 70,000 Colorado students that have passed through this program in the 20 years since its inception.

In addition to the River Watch program the Assembly supports local watershed groups with our free weekly electronic network that disseminates information on funding opportunities, events, training programs, conferences, job openings and relevant watershed news. The Inflow Network reaches over 2,000 concerned citizens in a simplified and consolidated format that saves valuable time and reduces emails.

The Assembly encourages Colorado citizens to take a proactive, consensus-driven approach to address natural resource issues and advocates for their position at the state and federal level. I encourage you to join us in our grassroots campaign to protect, conserve and enhance the health of Colorado’s rivers and streams one watershed at a time. Visit us on the web at www.coloradowater.org and find your own way to make a difference.



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“Any river is the summation of the whole valley. To think of it as nothing but water is to ignore the greater part.”
Hal Borland



Colorado River Watch

Our mission is to work with voluntary stewards to monitor water quality and other indicators of watershed health and utilize this high quality data to educate citizens and inform decision makers about the condition of Colorado's waters.

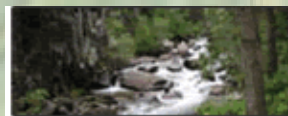
River Watch collects more stream data than any other entity in Colorado and provides an online database for over 3,000 stations covering over 300 rivers. This program helped obtain outstanding waters protection (when water quality is BETTER than standards) for several streams in Colorado.

- 70,000 students have been trained through River Watch since its inception in 1989
- River Watch supports monitoring teams in 110 public and charter schools in Colorado
- River Watch citizen scientists collect monthly data on more than 375 stations
- The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission uses River Watch data to administer the Clean Water Act



“River Watch is a program where learning and contribution to the community does not occur on a purely theoretical level.”

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Inflow Network

The Inflow Network is a free electronic information network designed to engage citizens in state water policy and provide up-to-date information on funding opportunities, events, trainings, and relevant news topics. The Inflow Network is designed to conveniently engage water interested groups and individuals at the grassroots level by proactively disseminating information based on interest, affiliations, and geography. The ultimate goal is to create an environment for stakeholders to collaborate in "real-time." The Inflow Network currently provides three different services:

The Inflow Network



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- *The weekly Inflow Newsletter contains current conference & training opportunities, new funding sources, job postings, and important announcements.*
- *The monthly Water Report summarizes important water news around Colorado, the West, the U.S., and the globe.*
- *The Basin Announcements target residents, within a Roundtable Basin, with meeting notices and other Basin specific announcements.*



Who We Are:

The **Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council** serves as a statewide collaborative body, open to all, to help achieve effective goal identification, data collection, data analysis, data retrieval, and reporting/dissemination of water quality data, and monitoring information. We address the full range of water quality information, including chemical, biological, and physical characteristics of surface and ground waters.

What we do:

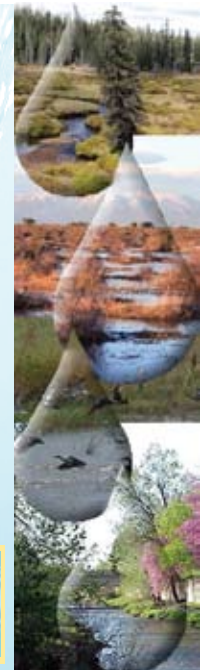
- Provide a forum for effective communication, cooperation, collaboration, and documentation among individuals and organizations involved in monitoring.
- Promote the development of collaborative and cost effective watershed-based monitoring strategies.
- Promote the use of quality assurance procedures and protocols related to sample collection, analytical methods, assessment, data management, and dissemination.
- Provide strategic direction for a statewide structure for the acquisition, analysis, archiving, and dissemination of water-quality information and data.

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Alamosa River Foundation

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The Alamosa River Foundation was created to represent the community after the Summitville Mine disaster. The Foundation coordinates federal and state trustees who oversee the Natural Resource Damage settlement of five million dollars from Robert Friedland of the Summitville Mine litigation. The money is designated for the restoration and rehabilitation of damaged natural resources.

Alamosa Riverkeeper

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Phone: 719-274-4298

The Alamosa Riverkeeper strives for a clean and functional river system which benefits the economic, ecological and recreational needs of the community. The Riverkeeper works to increase in-stream flows, thus, improving the fisheries and recreational potential of the Alamosa. They were recently instrumental in trout restocking of Terrace Reservoir.

Animas Riverkeeper

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Durango, CO 81301

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The Animas Riverkeeper provides a means for concerned citizens to help implement the Clean Water Act. The Animas Riverkeeper reports current water quality and habitat issues, while restoring fisheries and riparian areas. The mission of the Animas Riverkeeper is to protect and preserve the sociological, ecological, and biological integrity of the Animas River and its watershed.

Website: www.animas.riverkeeper.org

Barr Lake & Milton Reservoir Watershed Association

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The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project's goal is to create a naturally functioning stream system while providing environmental, cultural, and economic benefits for the river community as a whole. The project uses natural materials and works with natural stream dynamics to stabilize the river channel damaged by past human activities. The project also focuses on training landowners to replicate stream restoration.

Animas River Stakeholder Group

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The Animas River Stakeholders Group works to improve water quality and habitats in the Animas River by reducing metal concentrations and acidity resulting from historic mining practices. They completed an extensive remediation plan and have since completed 50 remediation projects. The Group has actively pushed for liability protection of Good Samaritans who remediate draining mine sites.

Website: www.waterinfo.org/regional-water-projects/animas-river-stakeholders

Animas Watershed Project (AWP)

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The Animas Watershed Project protects and improves water quality for a 100 mile long river system traversing Colorado, New Mexico, and Southern Ute Indian lands. Currently, the AWP is focusing on expanding its stakeholder base, completing a watershed management plan for the Animas River watershed, and implementing a demonstration project along the Animas River in New Mexico.

Website: www.animas.riverkeeper.org

The Association was created in response to water quality problems including elevated pH and excessive algal growth resulting from nutrient loading. The group recently released the 06-07 Watershed Management Plan and 2008 Reservoir Assessments as key steps in a ten-year process to reduce in-lake pH and watershed-scale nutrient loading. Over the past year, the Association has also created a detailed water quality model to aid in the development and implementation of a pH total maximum daily load (TMDL).

Website: www.barr-milton.org

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Bear Creek Watershed Association

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The Association is the designated water quality management agency for the Bear Creek Watershed. It manages environmental & water quality monitoring, wastewater treatment plant, long-range planning, storm water runoff, and nonpermitted non-point source management. The Association implements the Bear Creek Reservoir Control Regulation, which assures watershed point and nonpoint source water quality compliance is consistent with stream standards.

Website: www.bearcreekwatershed.org

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The Big Thompson Watershed Forum protects and improves water quality through collaborative monitoring, assessment, education, and restoration projects. The Forum created a Cooperative and Volunteer Monitoring Programs to target water quality and related ecological concerns. The Forum's program goals include: increasing community awareness of water quality issues and watershed stewardship; comparing and analyzing sampling data with existing water quality standards; and determining the statistical significance of any identified spatial and/or temporal water quality trends on a watershed scale.

Website: www.btwatershed.org

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BCWI protects and enhances the health of the Boulder Creek watershed through community based stewardship, education, information and action. BCWI has produced 102 educational Watershed Forums at the Boulder Public Library on local, regional, national and global environmental issues. In 2008, BCWI has formed 4 water quality monitoring Stream Teams to measure the health of Boulder Creek and its tributaries.

Website: www.basin.org/bcwi

Big Dry Creek Watershed Association

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The Big Dry Creek Watershed Association conducts an extensive in-stream monitoring program which includes water chemistry, flow, habitat, fish, and benthic macro-invertebrate sampling. In 2002, the Association completed a Watershed Management Plan to provide a comprehensive framework for past and future activities. E. coli studies are a key focus of the Association for 2009.

Website: www.bigdrycreek.org

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The Blue River Watershed Group is a non-profit organization that serves residents and visitors in Summit County, Colorado. The Blue River Watershed Group works to restore and protect the health of the Blue River watershed through cooperative community education, outreach, and stewardship. Volunteer opportunities are available for projects and events throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.blueriverwatershed.org>

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The mission of the Chatfield Watershed Authority is to promote protection of water quality in the Chatfield Watershed for recreation, fisheries, drinking water supplies, and other beneficial uses.

Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners

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The Stewardship Partners promote active stewardship of the Cherry Creek basin by maintaining a list of stakeholders and sponsoring an annual conference. A recently completed Cherry Creek Basin Water Stewardship and Education Initiative outlines a public education outreach program to help meet regulatory requirements.

Website: www.cherry-creek.org

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The Foundation focuses on improving water quality through sustainable watershed management. As a Good Samaritan entity, the Foundation facilitates the remediation of the many orphan mine and mill sites in the area not listed as priority Superfund sites; current remediation efforts include projects in Gilson Gulch and Trail Creek. Additional projects include a renewable energy initiative, wildfire protection planning, a resource recovery center, and a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Colorado Gold Rush in 2009.

Website: www.clearcreekwater.org

Coalition for the Upper South Platte

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The Coalition is focused on implementing projects in the 2,600 square-mile Upper South Platte Watershed. Our projects include forest health and fire rehabilitation, river restoration, trail work, and environmental education--almost anything that fulfills our mission to protect the water quality & ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed through the cooperative efforts of stakeholders with emphasis on community values of economic sustainability.

Website: www.uppersouthplatte.net

Eagle River Watershed Council

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The Council protects the Eagle & Colorado Rivers in Eagle County and promotes water education through monthly seminars. Its "Edwards Eagle River Restoration Project" will stabilize riverbanks, improve channel geometry, and vegetate riparian corridors. C-Dot and the Council collaborate in post winter efforts to monitor/ remove traction sand from I-70's Vail Pass (if left, runoff carries sediment into Black-Gore Creek). In 2008, the Council focused on the need to control nutrient loading with a template for a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) plan.

Website: www.eagleriverwatershedcouncil.org

Coal Creek Watershed Coalition

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The Coal Creek Watershed Coalition works to restore terrestrial and aquatic environments that have been impaired due to metals and other contaminants. The Coalition has been operating in some form for nearly six years and has begun working on creating a Watershed Restoration Plan to guide its future efforts.

Website: www.coalcreek.org

Culebra Range Community Coalition

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The Culebra Range Community Coalition works to reduce risk of unnatural fire from a century of fire suppression and facilitate small diameter timber based businesses in the Purgatoire River Watershed. The Coalition works to increase the harvesting efficiency and complete utilization of small diameter timber. The Coalition also actively conducts watershed education and outreach.

Website: www.culebrarange.org

East Fork Dolores (Town of Rico)

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The Town of Rico is working with large landowners and residents to survey the Dolores River corridor and protect riparian and river front property. The ultimate goal is to establish an open space green-belt throughout the length of the town. A coalition of stakeholders also strives to develop continuing partnerships, strategies, and funding to work towards ensuring that ground and surface water in and around Rico's watershed area meets water quality standards comparable to other healthy natural mountain streams and watershed areas.

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Fountain Creek Restoration Project

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The Restoration Project works to raise awareness of degraded conditions in Fountain Creek flowing through Manitou Springs. They developed a Restoration Master Plan which outlines steps for reducing sedimentation & erosion, enhancing native vegetation, and developing a sustainable fishery.

Website: www.restorefountaincreek.org

Fountain Creek Watershed Partnership

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In December 2008, two major multi-year projects were completed: 1) the Fountain Creek Watershed Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study which identifies flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and channel stability projects; and policy recommendations and 2) Strategic Plan which consists of a series of reports which identify current conditions; goals, objectives and strategies; and an implementation plan. These efforts led to the creation of legislation for the formation of a Fountain Creek Watershed District which was approved by the Colorado State Legislature and signed by the Governor in early 2009. The district will primarily manage, administer and have the ability to fund implementation of these projects.

Website: www.fountain-crk.org

Friends of the Fraser

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The Friends of the Fraser River works to restore in-stream flows, where a minimum of 65% of the water is diverted for storage and use by Front Range cities. In the near future, we will be focusing on public education and outreach concerning the Moffat firming project and the Windy Gap firming project. Both of these projects are proposing to divert 20% more of the Fraser River and the Upper Colorado River from the West Slope.

Website: www.friendsofthefraserriver.org

Friends of Bear Creek

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The Friends of Bear Creek was formed to protect and improve stream and riparian habitat from the growing problem of urbanization. In 2005, the Friends played a leading role in a river restoration project near Kittredge and were successful in acquiring impaired stream status. The Friends are currently working to secure funding for the development of a long-range watershed plan.

Friends of the Lower Blue River

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FOLBR is a volunteer group of Summit & Grand County Residents, property owners and other interested parties, who share a concern for maintaining the rural character, quality of life and the environment of the Lower Blue River Valley. The group functions as a constructive forum on issues important to the Valley through education, communication, and member participation. Current FOLBR projects include: fire protection, water quality & quantity, and protecting open space.

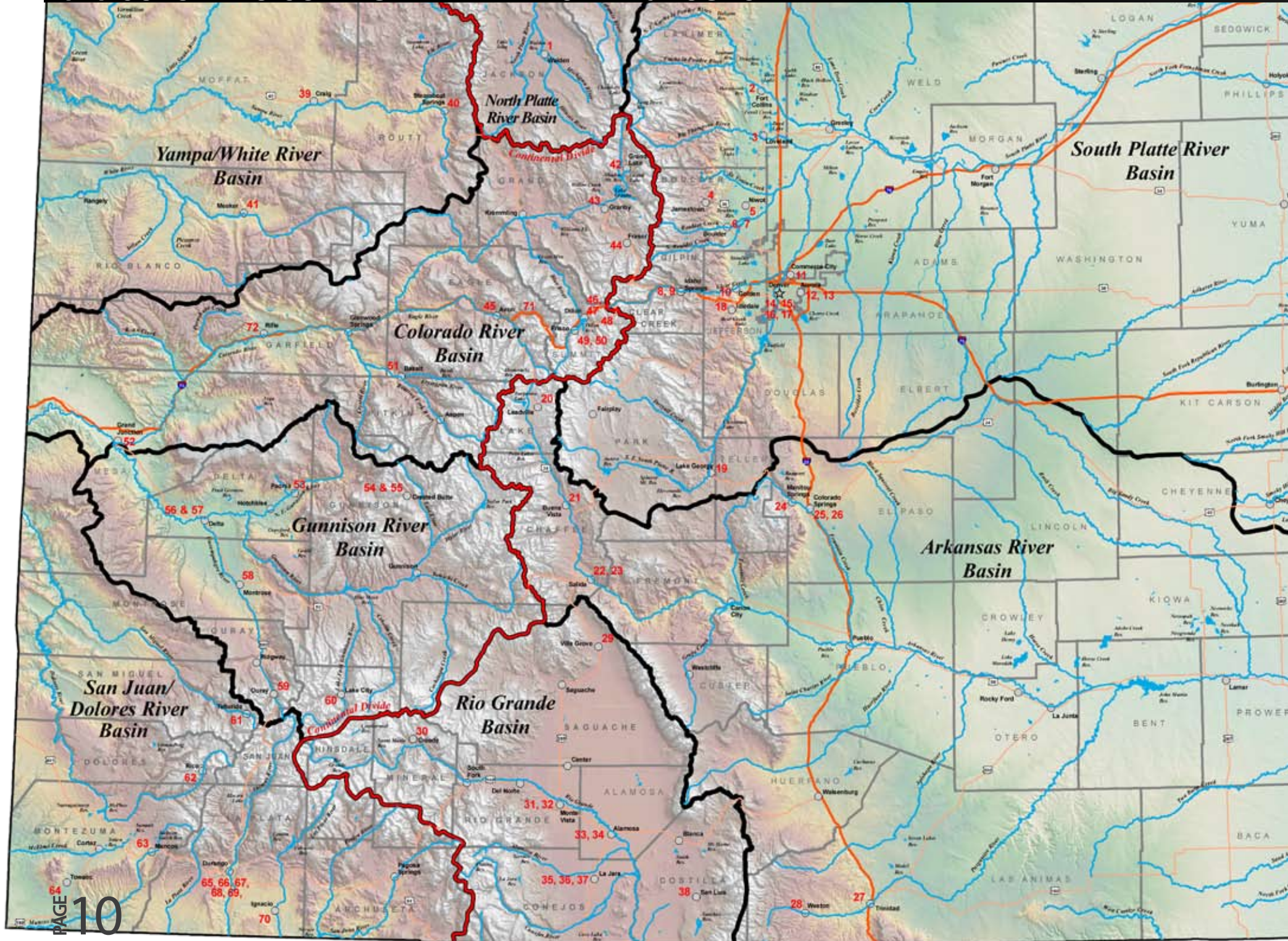
Friends of the River Uncompahgre (FORU)

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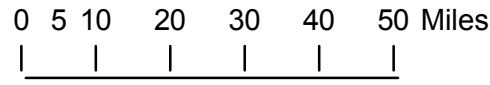
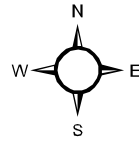
The Friends of the River Uncompahgre works in conjunction with the cities and counties along the Uncompahgre River to create strong community partnerships with a common goal of restoration, enhancement and protection of the riparian corridor. Friends of the River Uncompahgre is currently working with the city and county of Montrose to establish a 100' riparian buffer to protect water quality and preserve the greenway.

Website: www.foruncompahgre.org

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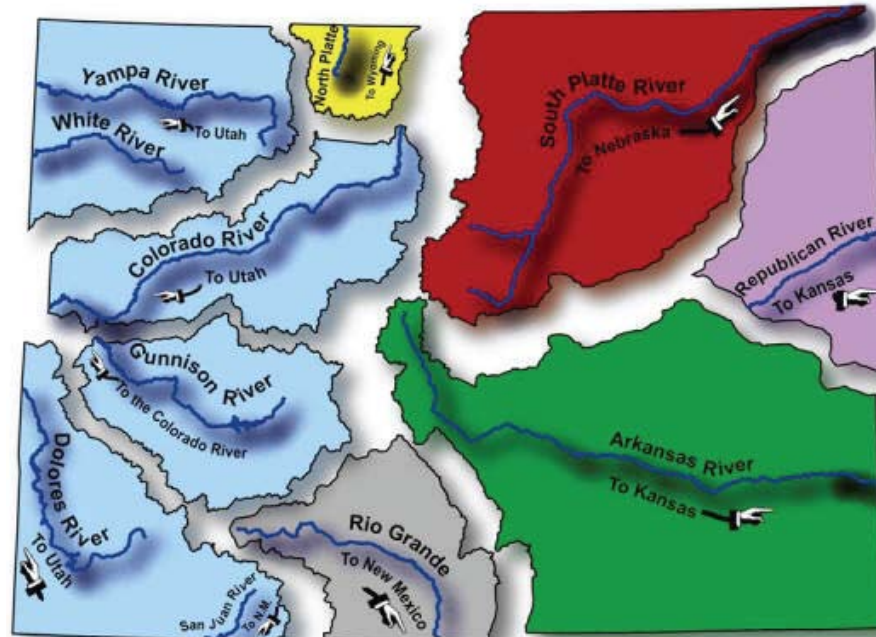
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Friends of the Poudre

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The Friends of the Poudre monitors in-stream flows and water quality levels, while protecting the remaining free-flow and enhancing the river's riparian habitat and recreational amenities.

Website: www.friendsofthepoudre.org

Grand County Water Information Network

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The Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN) is a county-wide effort to coordinate water quality monitoring, and informational and educational programs. The 501(c)(3) non-profit Network works collaboratively with 47 entities to coordinate and manage water quality monitoring efforts for a better understanding of water quality concerns and issues in Grand County. The GCWIN Monitoring Manual, GIS Monitoring Site Maps, and the Water Quality Database are a few of the tools that can be found on our website.

Website: <http://co.grand.co.us/waterquality/waterdata>

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Dolores River Stakeholders Group will be focusing on source water issues upstream of McPhee Reservoir. The group is planning to begin source water assessment activities in the near future with some money raised locally through the Dolores River Festival and other local efforts over the past few years.

Friends of the Yampa

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Green River Basin

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The Yampa River is the last, largest and the longest remaining tributary of the Colorado River that remains in its free-flowing state. However, the Yampa River Pumpback is proposed to divert 2,000 cfs of Yampa River water to the Front Range. The Friends of the Yampa are fighting for water to remain in-stream for non-consumptive purposes: fisheries, flora, recreation, & future generations.

Website: www.friendsoftheyampa.com

Greater Arkansas River Nature Assoc.

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The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association provides and promotes educational activities, volunteer projects and community involvement to conserve the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Arkansas River. The Association actively promotes Colorado Scenic and Historic Byway designation for local roads and presents educational programs to the community explaining "Heritage" and Heritage Area Planning.

Website: www.garna.org

Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Forces

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The Gunnison Basin Selenium Task Force is a group of private, local, state, and federal interests committed to reducing selenium in our affected waterways, while maintaining the economic viability and lifestyle of the Lower Gunnison River Basin. The Grand Valley Selenium Task Force is working to evaluate, assess and actively address elevated selenium and other adverse water quality issues while maintaining the area's economic viability, quality of life and agricultural heritage.

Website: <http://www.seleniumtaskforce.org/>

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Gunnison River Alliance

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The Gunnison River Alliance aims to provide Gunnison River users with an enjoyable experience by enhancing, protecting, and preserving the resources along the river. Currently, the Gunnison River Alliance is helping the BLM with campground and tamarisk clean-ups, and petitioning for improved access along the lower Gunnison River.

Website: www.teamgra.org

James Creek Watershed Initiative

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The James Creek Watershed Initiative provides a holistic approach to community based watershed protection by sponsoring public forums for education and discussion and organizing volunteer groups for stream clean-ups and restoration. The Initiative advocates the importance of forest management, water quality issues and building partnerships with stakeholders.

Website:
<http://www.commfound.org/cultureofgiving/nonprofits/james-creek-watershed-initiative>

Kerber Creek Restoration Project

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The Kerber Creek Watershed is on the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. Impairment is primarily due to heavy metal toxicity leaching from streamside mine tailings, and many sections of the stream have little riparian vegetation present. The land owners are partners in this project and have formed the Bonanza Stakeholders Group. Projects are expected to begin in 2008 and end 2012.

High Country Citizens' Alliance

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Basin: Gunnison River Basin
Phone: 970-349-7104

High Country Citizens' Alliance's Water Program is engaged in efforts to protect flows in all of the rivers and streams in the Gunnison Basin. This includes engaging federal agencies to develop flow regimes to help endangered fish in the lower Gunnison River, remediating abandoned mines to restore ecosystem health, and participating in the Gunnison Basin Roundtable working on long-term water planning. HCCA also works to prevent impacts from new proposed mineral extraction proposals.

Website: www.hccaonline.org

Keep it Clean Partnership

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Phone: 303-413-7365

The primary goal of the Keep it Clean Partnership is to implement a regional storm water management program, not only to comply with the federal Phase II storm water regulations, but to also address broader water quality watershed issues. The Partners developed a Keep it Clean Plan, which outlined six minimum control measures to address the impact of storm water runoff on water quality and stream health.

Website: keepitcleanpartnership.org

Lake Fork Watershed Stakeholders

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The LFWS has its first full-time Watershed Coordinator, Camille Richard. Camille has been involved in several watershed initiatives, including planning a major river restoration project within Lake City, hosting a regional Good Samaritan Mine Cleanup Workshop, and creating partnerships to facilitate the cleanup of an abandoned mine in the Upper Henson Creek sub watershed. In April, the LFWS was a recipient of a 2008 EPA Environmental Achievement Award.

Website: www.lfws.org

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Lake Fork Watershed Working Group

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Historic mining activity severely impaired the waters of the lower Lake Fork of the Arkansas River. The Lake Fork Watershed Working Group is proactively identifying contamination sources and designing and implementing remedies that reduce contamination to the receiving systems. The Group meets on a quarterly basis where projects are discussed and planned.

Website: www.coloradomtn.edu/LFWWG

Mancos River Watershed Project

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The Mancos Conservation District began a watershed management and protection plan two years ago. Having just completed a watershed assessment, we will now be working with the diverse stakeholders to create a watershed plan that allows for the long-term health of resources in the watershed.

North Fork River Improvement Assoc.

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For the past decade, the North Fork River Improvement Association has worked to reconfigure, rehabilitate, and reclaim the North Fork of the Gunnison which was damaged by inefficient irrigation water diversions and historical gravel mining. In 2001, the Association began the North Fork Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Project and recently completed the Paonia River Park, finally providing citizens with public river access on the North Fork.

Website: www.nfria.paonia.com

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group

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The Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group strives to assess, protect, and restore the quality of the Lefthand Creek watershed, and to serve as a hub of communication about watershed issues through the fostering of stakeholder collaboration. The group facilitates the remediation of abandoned mines and will soon be tackling their first on the ground clean-up project. The group has a volunteer water quality monitoring program that helps to determine priorities for clean-ups and also attempts to monitor completed clean-up effectiveness.

Website: www.lwog.org

Mesa County Water Association

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The Mesa County Water Association is responsible for promoting and supporting water education among citizens and water policy makers in Western Colorado and Mesa County. Past projects have supported tuition scholarships to the annual Colorado Water Workshop in Gunnison, an annual Colorado Water Law review, development of software relative to water quality modeling, and local workshops on rising water policy issues.

Website: www.mesacountywater.org

Our Future Summit

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Our Future Summit is a community organization formed by the citizens of Summit County under the sponsorship of The Greenlands Reserve. Our mission is to identify concrete ways to improve life in our County by including a wide range of citizens and decision makers. We hold public roundtables monthly, to understand and promote forest health, watershed protection, forest stewardship and sustainability in Summit County.

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Owl Mountain Partnership

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The Owl Mountain Partnership is currently participating in the development of three new wells for the benefit of livestock and wildlife, three new springs on public and private lands, 60 acres of re-seeding, two vegetation treatments totaling 300 acres, 2 ½ miles of new permanent fence and materials for an additional two miles of fence that are cost share projects. The Partnership continues to contribute to the Silver Spur Grazing Management Plan.

Website: www.owlmountain.partnership.org

Purgatoire River Restoration Committee

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Phone: 505-447-7034

The Purgatoire River Restoration Committee works to improve fisheries and the recreational potential of Purgatoire River from the Trinidad Dam, through the Trinidad city limits. The Committee has spent the past year forming stakeholder alliances and hopes to begin improving the river's structure during the next year. Eventually the Committee hopes to develop a nature center and interpretive trails.

Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust

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The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is the local land trust of the San Luis Valley. Our mission is to conserve our land, water and way of life in the San Luis Valley. The Land Trust works to conserve strategic and critical private land in the Valley, including a special program, the Rio Grande Initiative, to conserve 25,000 acres along the Rio Grande river corridor.

Website: www.riograndelandtrust.org

Pine River Watershed Group

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The Pine River Watershed Group coordinates the collection and compilation of water quality and quantity data in the upper Pine River Watershed and Vallecito Reservoir. The group monitors mercury levels in the reservoir and has traced the source of the mercury to coal power plants in the Four Corners region. Funding shortages hinder monitoring and analyses efforts.

Website: www.swhydrologic.com/prwg.htm

Ridgway Ouray Community Coalition (ROCC)

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The Ridgway Ouray Community Coalition is a Ouray county organization whose mission includes building, nourishing, and protecting a healthy spirit of community. ROCC is dedicated to a broad range of quality of life issues and projects in Ouray County which includes promoting sustainable environmental practices within the region, and promoting socially responsible and economically practical land use policy while maintaining respect for citizens' property rights.

Website: www.roccnet.org

Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

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Alamosa, CO 81101

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Since Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project was started after a review of a 91-mile stretch of the Rio Grande, restoration projects have been completed with land-owners to improve the geomorphology, riparian areas, and fisheries. In 2007, the Rio Grande Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan was completed. Additional funding is being sought to continue to implement the findings of these studies.

Website: <http://riograndeheadwaters.org>

Roaring Fork Conservancy

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The Roaring Fork Conservancy focuses on water quantity & quality and habitat preservation. The Conservancy is the lead consultant for the Roaring Fork Watershed Plan. Phase I, consisted of stakeholder outreach and compilation of the State of the Watershed Report. The report catalogs and analyzes the water resources and needs within the watershed. Through citizen input and consultation with governments and water managers, Phase II will develop strategies and priorities for future management. The Conservancy is planning a state of the art river center in Basalt and hopes to start in 2009.

Website: www.roaringfork.org

San Juan Citizens' Alliance

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The San Juan Citizens' Alliance works to preserve high quality water and adequate stream flows in the Four Corners Region of Colorado and New Mexico. The Alliance works through local stakeholder groups, the rulemaking of the Water Quality Control Commission, as well as through public opinion and the courts to protect water quality and preserve free-flowing rivers.

Website: www.sanjuancitizens.org

San Luis Valley Wetlands Focus Area Committee

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The Wetlands Committee is a community forum for the various state, federal and local land, wildlife, and water agencies, districts, and non-profit conservation organizations to collaborate on behalf of restoration and protection of the Valley's extensive wetlands. The Wetlands Committee has provided a voice for wetlands, resources, and partnerships for over a decade, and serves as a link for national and international partners to help implement projects in the Rio Grande basin.

Rocky Mountain Field Institute

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The Rocky Mountain Field Institute works in concert with federal, state, and local land management agencies at locations in the Southern Rocky Mountains and Colorado Plateau to address critical land preservation and restoration needs. RMFI engages volunteers to improve the natural ecological conditions and wilderness values of lands and waters across Colorado through stream, wetland, and alpine restoration projects. RMFI also provides education opportunities for high school and college students through unique programs designed to foster environmental stewardship values.

Website: www.rmfi.org

San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council

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The San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council protects and restores the Upper Rio Grande bioregion, balancing ecological values and human needs. Among numerous projects, the Council is working to educate citizens about the consequences of oil and gas development near a municipal watershed. The Council is also working closely with the EPA to sponsor a free subsidized household well testing program in the valley in 2009.

Website: www.slvec.org

San Miguel Watershed Coalition

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The Coalition advances the ecological health and promotes the economic vitality of the watershed through collaboration. In 2006, the Coalition produced a Watershed Report Card, which evaluated the health of water, aquatic life, wildlife, vegetation, soils, and climate. The Report Card will serve as a baseline for watershed health, which citizens can work to improve.

Website: www.sanmiguelwatershed.org

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Sand Creek Regional Greenway

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Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a nearly 14-mile public greenway that connects the High Line Canal and Colfax Avenue in Aurora with the South Platte River Greenway. Plans are underway to extend the greenway another 14 miles from Colfax Avenue to the Aurora Reservoir. When the greenway is complete, in 2015, there will be 28 miles of off-road trails, eight major parks, restored habitat and river corridor protection, and environmental, cultural, industrial, and educational interpretation all along the greenway.

Website: www.sandcreekgreenway.org

Snake River Watershed Task Force

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The Snake River and its Peru Creek tributary are identified as impaired water bodies due to high concentrations of zinc, cadmium, copper, lead and manganese. The Snake River Basin Task Force is a voluntary collaborative effort to gather more information regarding sources of water quality problems and to identify opportunities to improve water quality in the watershed.

Website: <http://snakerivertaskforce.org/>

The Greenlands Reserve

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Dillon, CO 80435

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The Greenlands Reserve is a statewide land trust accepting conservation easements and working to foster natural resource protection through education and the organizing of collaborative projects. They are currently partnering with the town of Dillon on a Blue River source water protection plan and the Straight Creek restoration project.

Website: www.greenlandreserve.org

Sangre De Cristo Acequia Association

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The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association is working on the Culebra Watershed Assessment and Management Plan, a 2 year Project Implementation Plan (PIP) which will expire March 2010. The 4 phase plan of assessment, evaluation and costs, best management practices, and follow-up will go beyond the 2010 PIP date. The Acequia Association is in partnership with local, state and federal organizations.

South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation

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The South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation is an organization with a broad-based membership and watershed focus. SPCURE maintains a wellcoordinated monitoring program and develops water quality modeling tools needed to make sound scientific decisions. SPCURE is concerned with low-flow water quality issues, as well as non-point source issues affecting the Urban South Platte Watershed.

Website: www.spcure.org

Three Lakes Watershed Association

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Landowners surrounding Grand Lake, Lake Granby, and Shadow Mountain Reservoir established the Three Lakes Watershed Association to monitor water quality in the lakes affected by the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. The Association works in conjunction with public and private stakeholders to monitor lake health, including algae and plant growth, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen content.

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Upper Arkansas River Restoration Project

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The Project was initiated to assess and remediate historic fluvial mine tailings in the "11-mile reach" of the Arkansas River from the confluence of California Gulch to Kobe. The Project is entering the remediation and renovation stage using over \$26 million from mining company settlements. The Project has also been influential on the group of federal trustees and mining companies formed to assess natural resource damages and determine alternative restoration activities.

Westerly Creek Connection (WCC)

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Phone: 720-939-6039

Making extensive use of landscape architecture Vision Sketches, WCC is exploring possibilities for restoration in the nine-block reach between 11th Avenue and Montview Boulevard. While working with the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District, Aurora & Denver, WCC is seeking funding & technical assistance with a Greenway Master Plan that will achieve goals of flood protection, recreation & aesthetics, community connectivity, and economic redevelopment.

Willow Creek Reclamation Committee

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The Willow Creek Reclamation Committee is dedicated to integrated watershed management and to improving water quality and habitat, reducing flood risks, reclaiming areas impacted by mining, and preserving historic structures in the Willow Creek watershed in ways that are beneficial to the economic sustainability of the Creede community. The Committee is working on several projects including mine reclamation and stabilization, monitoring and re-vegetation of reclaimed sites, stream restoration, education and outreach.

Website: www.willowcreede.org

Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association

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In 1993, local upper Clear Creek entities and downstream users developed a plan to coordinate water quality issues relating to nutrients in Clear Creek, resulting in the development of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association. In 2006 the Association formed a Regional Wastewater Study Group to focus long-range planning to optimize wastewater treatment.

White River Watershed Group

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The White River Watershed Group recently held their annual meeting to discuss a plan to remove Tamarisk and Russian Olive along the banks of the White and Yampa River. The Group also discussed the drafting of a resolution to be submitted to the state legislature, which aims to protect existing and future water rights on the White and Yampa from the impacts of a compact call under the Colorado River Compact.

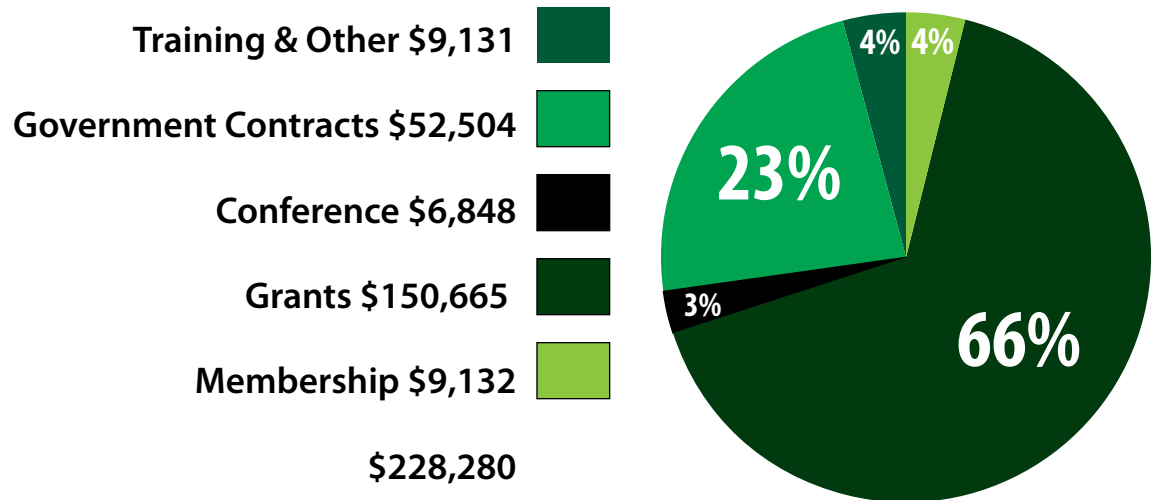
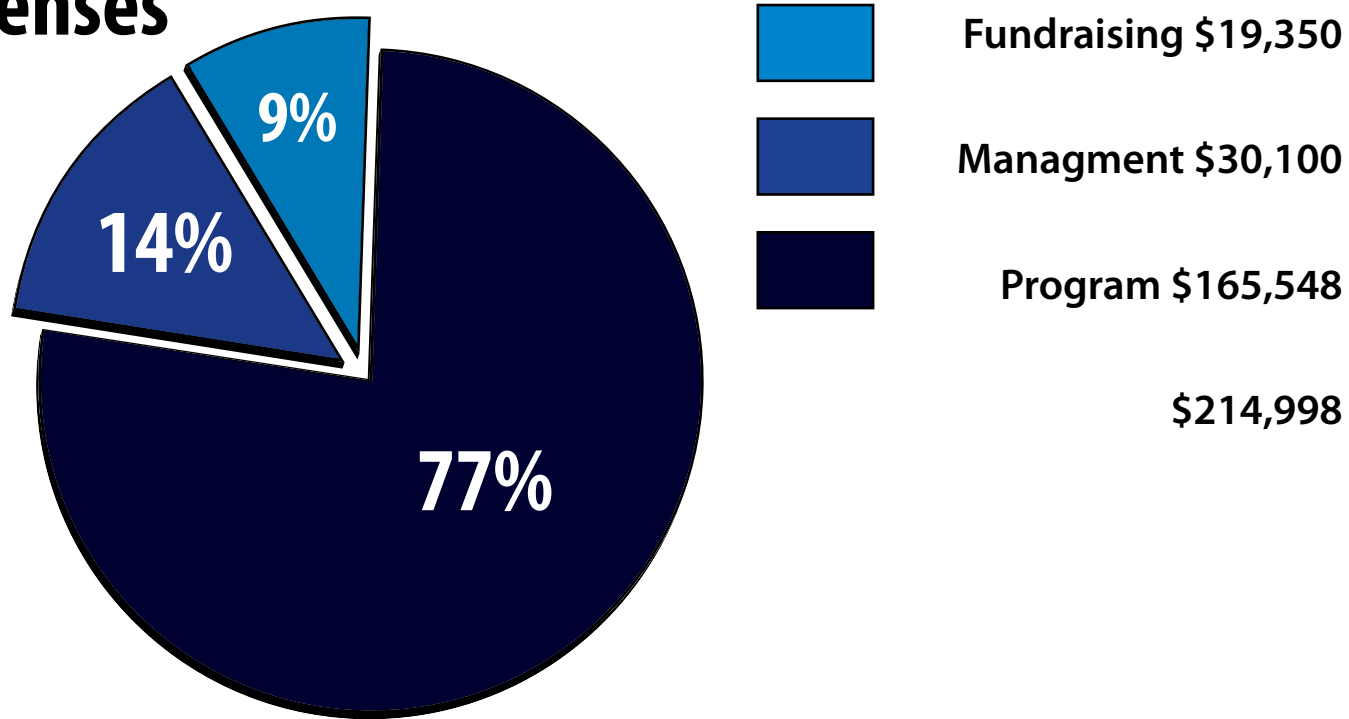
Yampa River Basin Partnership

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The Yampa River Basin Partnership works with citizens of the Yampa River Basin to balance natural resource and social issues to protect and enhance quality of life through open communication, education and coordination of efforts. The Partners act as a communication network, providing information to stakeholders regarding natural resource issues important to the Yampa. The Yampa River Basin Partnership was recently part of a Water Forum hosted by several groups.

Website: www.yampavalleypartners.com

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