

# *Colorado Watershed Assembly* **Annual Report 2010**

*A Guide to Community Watershed Groups and Projects in Colorado*



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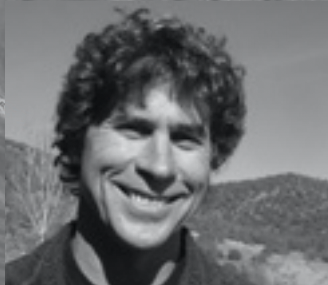
# Message from the Director

Citizen watershed groups are the true workhorses and implementers of actual on-the-ground projects that protect, conserve or enhance the natural resource values of local communities. Without these volunteer stewards, little would actually get done. No agency or organization can rally support, develop partnerships, build coalitions or raise funds like the residents of a community.

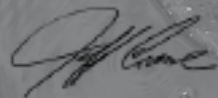
The Colorado Watershed Assembly is an advocate and support network for a statewide coalition of over 70 local citizen groups working to protect the water quality and health of their unique watersheds. CWA's mission is to provide leadership and support to Colorado's watershed groups, increasing their ability to protect, conserve and enhance our state's watersheds. We envision having strong and successful local watershed groups representing every Colorado watershed, sustaining healthy land, water and economies while working in a collaborative fashion with diverse stakeholders and interests. The Assembly provides a statewide voice to increase public awareness of watershed issues and plays a variety of roles in supporting grassroots organizations. We offer leadership training, watershed planning services, monitoring programs, assist member organizations with fundraising, represent the groups' priorities before state and federal agencies and keep the groups informed about important events and opportunities. We know first-hand the potential of these watershed guardians and strive to maximize it with every opportunity.

We accomplish our mission through a holistic approach to providing services including:

- **Colorado River Watch** – The largest generator of water quality data in the state utilizing a vast network of student and adult volunteers who monitor the health and condition of their local river or stream. The use of volunteers trained in state approved protocols makes this program cost-effective and unrivaled in its statewide focus, frequency of data collection and quality of functional data for high level decision making.
- **Inflow Network** - Information distribution of a free weekly electronic newsletter on funding opportunities, events, training programs, conferences, jobs and related watershed news.
- **Measureable Results Program** - Documents performance targets, milestones and the overall success of river restoration projects by collecting chemical, biological and/or physical habitat data in order to characterize the aquatic environment and watershed health.
- **Watershed Planning Services** – Assists citizen groups in the development and implementation of EPA approved watershed plans.
- **Annual Watershed Conference** - Informs participants about new issues and innovative projects and provides networking opportunities for citizen groups to interact and expand cooperation and collaboration in natural resource conservation, protection and enhancement.



We invite you to join the ever-growing movement of citizen conservationism. Contact us anytime for further information on how you can make a difference in your community.



Executive Director

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# Watershed Planning Services

For more information on the Watershed Planning Services, please contact Jeff Crane at [jeffcrane@coloradowater.org](mailto:jeffcrane@coloradowater.org) or visit the website at <http://coloradowater.org/watershedplanningservices.php>

**A**s an engaged partner with the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Area of the Water Quality Control Division, the Assembly now offers watershed planning services to local non-profit watershed groups to assist in the development and implementation of EPA certified watershed plans.

The goal of the project is to work in partnership with the state's NPS program to prioritize watersheds and lead efforts to develop and implement watershed plans that address the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 9 Required Elements for all Section 319-funded plans.

## Services include:

- Identification and compilation of local resources and stakeholders
- Location of funding opportunities
- Preparation assistance in contracting with the state
- The development of projects designed to reduce nonpoint source pollution
- Meeting facilitation



*A community needs to feel their specific issues are being addressed.*





## COLORADO RIVER WATCH

OUR MISSION IS TO WORK WITH VOLUNTARY STEWARDS TO MONITOR WATER QUALITY AND OTHER INDICATORS OF WATERSHED HEALTH AND USE THIS HIGH QUALITY DATA TO EDUCATE CITIZENS AND INFORM DECISION MAKERS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF COLORADO'S WATERS.

Find out about the next training by emailing [Michaela@coloradowatershed.org](mailto:Michaela@coloradowatershed.org) or by visiting <http://www.coloradowater.org/riverwatch.php>

*THE PROGRAM BEGAN WITH TWO PRIMARY GOALS THAT REMAIN STEADFAST TODAY:*

1. To provide a hands-on experience for individuals to understand the value and function of the river ecosystem.
2. To collect quality aquatic ecosystem data over space and time to be used for the Clean Water Act and other water quality decision-making processes.



*RIVER WATCH FACTS:*

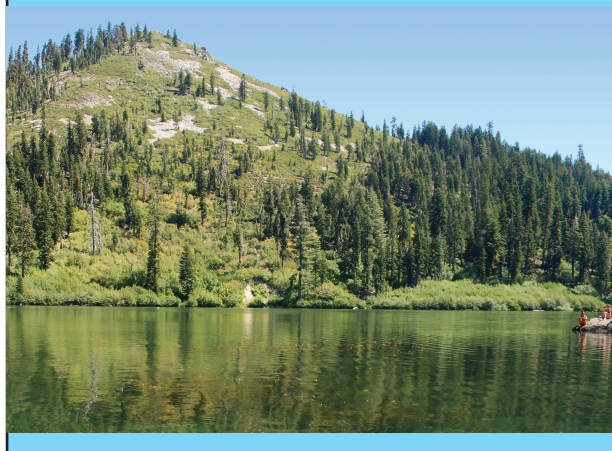
- RW started with six schools on the Yampa and grew to cover all watersheds in Colorado and **350 schools**.
- Since 1989 RW has involved over **70,000 individuals** in Colorado, provided data on **3,000 stations** covering over **300 rivers**.
- RW includes individuals, watershed groups and other entities, besides schools, in the program.
- RW has expanded the program to include biological and physical habitat parameters.
- Some students have received college credit for their River Watch skills, others have acquired water-related employment from their interest and work in River Watch, and **MOST HAVE CARRIED THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PASSION FOR THE RIVER ENVIRONMENT WHEREVER THEY GO.**



**RIVER WATCH CONTINUES TO GROW WITH THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT FROM THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS.**



## COLORADO WATERSHED ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS



# *The Inflow Network*

The Inflow Network is a **FREE** electronic information network designed to engage water interested groups and citizens in state water policy and provide up-to-date information. Our ultimate goal is to create an environment for stakeholders to collaborate in “real-time.”



The Inflow Network offers three different services:

1. The **WEEKLY INFLOW NEWSLETTER** contains:
  - current conference training opportunities
  - new funding sources
  - job postings
  - important announcements
2. The **MONTHLY WATER NEWSLETTER** summarizes important water news around Colorado, the West, the US and the globe.
3. The **BASIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** targets residents, within a Roundtable Basin, with meeting notices other and other basin-specific announcements.



To join the network, visit  
<http://www.coloradowater.org/theinflownetwork.php>



# COLORADO WATERSHED ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

## What is Non-Point Source Pollution?

Non-point source (NPS) pollution, unlike pollution discharged directly from industrial and sewage treatment plants (among other sources), comes from many diffuse sources.

## What is the Measurable Results Program?

The Measurable Results Program (MRP) scientifically documents the effects of restoration efforts on water bodies in Colorado that receive restoration funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment NPS program and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Watershed Restoration Program (WRP) and the Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund.

## How can the MRP help reduce NPS in Colorado's Rivers?

The MRP will act as a toolbox to quantitatively measure the changes in river systems and characterize the aquatic and surrounding terrestrial environment at non-point source restoration project sites. Collaborating with local project sponsors to assist in the documentation of watershed restoration and protection methods, the MRP provides additional resources to enhance locally driven monitoring. Data generated from the program is used to identify successful restoration practices and prioritize the most cost effective measures to achieve water quality improvement.



## Rio Grande Stabilization Project:

On the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley, the MRP is working with the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project and local landowners to monitor and evaluate river restoration addressing bank instability and sedimentation.

## To measure the success of the Rio Grande project, the MRP is collecting data on:

- survey of cross sections to calculate reduced erosion rates and structure success
- macroinvertebrates to assess the project impact on aquatic life
- photo documentation of pre- and post-construction status
- best management practices of livestock management that support the protection of the river
- the state of riparian areas and improvement of bank stability

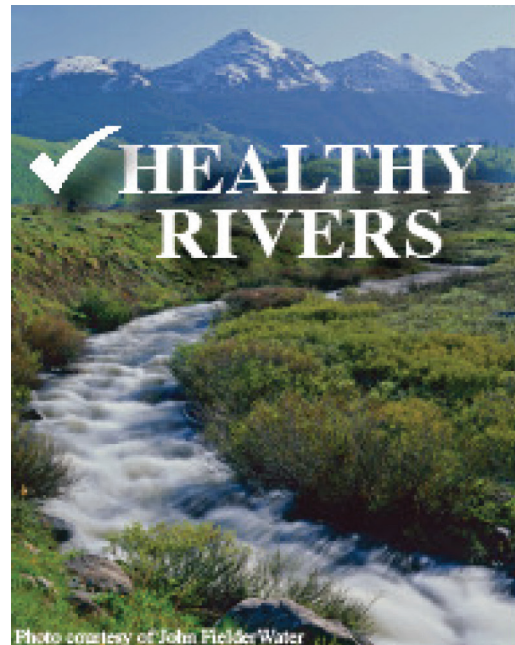
# Measurable Results Program

For more information, visit: <http://coloradowater.org/MeasureableResultsProgram.php>

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## ✓ HEALTHY RIVERS

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## Water is Life- Keep it Clean!

*Support the Healthy Rivers Fund on your next Colorado State income tax return*

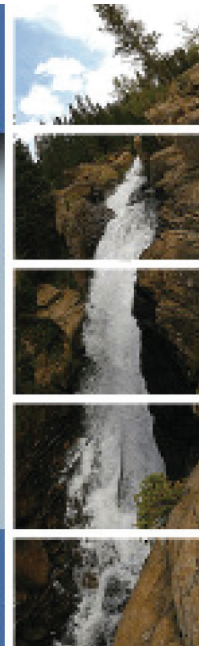
- ✓ Cleaner Water
- ✓ Healthier Wildlife & Restored Habitat
- ✓ Improved Recreation & Accessibility

Since 2003, approximately 95,000 citizens donated over \$700,000 from their tax returns to fund over 50 local water enhancement projects in Colorado. In the CheckOff Colorado section of your state income tax form, please contribute a portion of your refund to help protect and conserve our most fragile and important resource - OUR WATER.

[www.checkoffcolorado.org](http://www.checkoffcolorado.org)

[www.coloradowater.org/cwpcf.php](http://www.coloradowater.org/cwpcf.php)

"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



## Annual Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference

*An Annual Event Since 1999!*

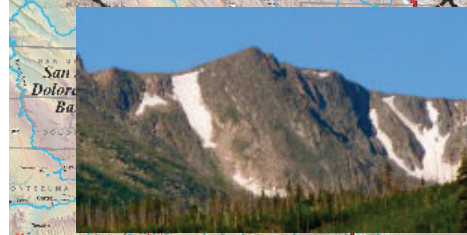
Join the Colorado Watershed Assembly and its partner organizations, the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, the Colorado Riparian Association and the Colorado Lakes and Reservoir Management Association for their annual conference!

*Previous years' conference themes include:*

**2010 - Learning from the Past to Protect the Future**

**2009 - Thriving in Challenging Times**

**2008 - Striking a Balance for the Future**



**Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in a fantastic learning experience!**

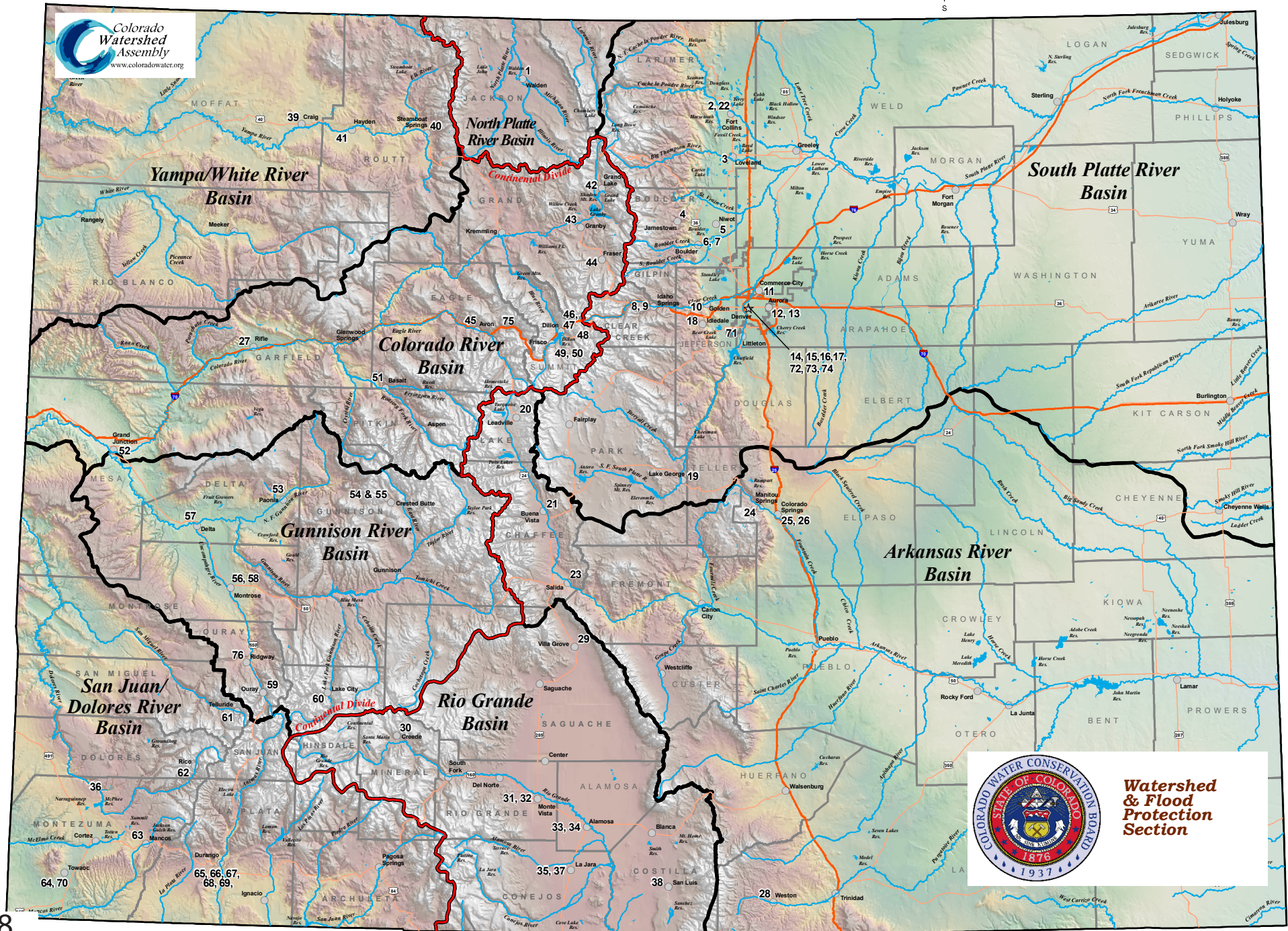
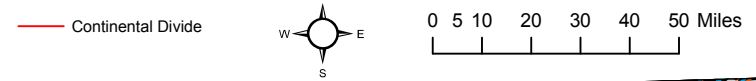
Each Conference is Planned Around:

- Informing participants about new issues and innovative projects.
- Networking citizen groups with agencies, consultants and legislators to expand co-operation and collaboration.
- Including various opportunities to participate in workshops, lectures, networking opportunities and so much more!





# 2011 COLORADO COMMUNITY WATERSHED GROUPS





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|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Owl Mountain Partnership                           | 22. Save the Poudre  | 42. Three Lakes Watershed Association                  | 60. Lake Fork Valley Conservancy                    |
| 2. Friends of the Poudre                              | 23. Greater Arkansas River Nature Association                    | 43. Grand County Watershed Information Network         | 61. San Miguel Watershed Coalition                  |
| 3. Big Thompson Watershed Forum                       | 24. Fountain Creek Restoration Project                           | 44. Friends of the Fraser                              | 62. East Fork Dolores (Town of Rico)                |
| 4. James Creek Watershed Initiative                   | 25. Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District | 45. Eagle River Watershed Council                      | 63. Mancos River Watershed Project                  |
| 5. Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group                 | 26. Rocky Mountain Field Institute                               | 46. The Greenlands Reserve                             | 64. Dolores River Source Water Protection Group     |
| 6. Boulder Creek Watershed Initiative                 | 27. Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership                  | 47. Friends of the Lower Blue River                    | 65. Animas River Stakeholders Group                 |
| 7. Keep It Clean Partnership                          | 28. Culebra Range Community Coalition                            | 48. Snake River Watershed Task Force                   | 66. Animas Riverkeeper                              |
| 8. Clear Creek Watershed Foundation                   | 29. Kerber Creek Restoration Project                             | 49. Our Future Summit                                  | 67. Animas Watershed Partnership                    |
| 9. Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association            | 30. Willow Creek Reclamation Committee                           | 50. Blue River Watershed Group                         | 68. Pine River Watershed Group                      |
| 10. South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation | 31. Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust                             | 51. Roaring Fork Conservancy                           | 69. San Juan Citizens' Alliance                     |
| 11. Sand Creek Regional Greenway                      | 32. San Luis Valley Wetlands Focus Area Committee                | 52. Mesa County Water Association                      | 70. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe                          |
| 12. Bear Creek Watershed Authority                    | 33. Rio Grand Headwaters Restoration Project                     | 53. North Fork River Improvement Association           | 71. North Fork of the South Platte River Foundation |
| 13. Chatfield Watershed Authority                     | 34. San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council                            | 54. Coal Creek Watershed Coalition                     | 72. Groundwork Denver                               |
| 14. Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir Watershed Ass.     | 35. Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project                  | 55. High Country Citizens' Alliance                    | 73. Protect Our Urban Environment (PURE)            |
| 15. Big Dry Creek Watershed Association               | 36. Dolores River Dialogue                                       | 56. Uncompahgre Partnership                            | 74. The Greenway Foundation                         |
| 16. Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners                 | 37. Alamosa Riverkeeper  | 57. Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Forces | 75. Gore Creek Restoration Committee                |
| 17. Westerly Creek Connection                         | 38. Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association                         | 58. Friends of the River Uncompahgre                   | 76. Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership               |
| 18. Friends of the Bear Creek                         | 39. Yampa River Basin Partnership                                | 59. Ridgway/Ouray Community Coalition                  |   |
| 19. Coalition for the Upper South Platte              | 40. Friends of the Yampa   |  |   |
| 20. Lake Fork Watershed Working Group                 | 41. The Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa River               |  |   |
| 21. Upper Arkansas River Restoration Project          |  |  |   |

## MAJOR WATERSHED BASINS REPRESENTED BY ROUNDTABLES

The following basins are designated by the state of Colorado\*:

- *Arkansas Basin*: Home to two large cities - Colorado Springs and Pueblo - the Arkansas Basin has seen a great deal of growth over the past few years.
- *Colorado Basin*: The Colorado Mainstream Basin encompasses approximately 9,830 square miles and includes Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs.
- *Gunnison Basin*: The Gunnison Basin stretches over 8,000 square miles of western Colorado and includes the cities of Montrose, Delta and Gunnison.
- *Metro Basin*: The Metro Roundtable is the only roundtable not designated out of a natural hydrological river basin. The Metro region's unique needs and water uses necessitated its designation apart from the South Platte River Basin (within which it lies).
- *North Platte Basin*: The North Platte Basin is located in north central Colorado in Jackson County and a small portion of Larimer County, covering roughly 2,050 square miles.
- *Rio Grande Basin*: The Rio Grande Basin encompasses approximately 8,000 square miles, including the San Luis Valley.
- *South Platte Basin*: The South Platte Basin Roundtable covers approximately 22,000 square miles in northeast Colorado.
- *Southwest Basin*: The Southwest Basin covers approximately 10,169 square miles in southwest Colorado. Its major rivers include the San Juan River, Animas River, Dolores River and San Miguel River.
- *Yampa/White Basin*: The Yampa/White Basin covers roughly 10,500 square miles in northwest Colorado and south-central Wyoming.

\* Information from the Colorado Water Conservation Board at <http://cwcb.state.co.us>



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### Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project

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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

**Contact:** Peter Butler **Email:** pbutler@wildblue.net  
**Address:** 8185 C. R. 203 Durango, CO 81301 **Basin:** Southwest Basin  
**Phone:** 970-259-0986

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:** <http://www.waterinfo.org/regional-water-projects/animas-river-stakeholders>

### Animas Watershed Partnership (AWP)

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The Animas Watershed Partnership 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.

### 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:** <http://www.animasriverkeeper.org>

### Barr Lake & Milton Reservoir Watershed Assoc.

**Contact:** Amy Conklin **Email:** amy.conklin@comcast.net  
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The Mission of BMW is to encourage cooperation, involvement, and awareness by all interested parties in collaborative efforts to improve the water quality of Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir. The group's vision is to maintain appropriate water quality in Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir through the continuous implementation of a collaboratively-developed watershed management plan.

**Website:** <http://www.barr-milton.org>



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## Bear Creek Watershed Association

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**Phone:** 303-751-7144

The Bear Creek Watershed Association identifies, defines, collectively develops, maintains and implements a local environmental and water quality monitoring, management plan and watershed-based program for the Bear Creek Watershed that meets reservoir and watershed applicable water quality standards and beneficial use classifications as adopted by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission.

**Website:** <http://www.bearcreekwatershed.org>

## Big Thompson Watershed Forum

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**Basin:** South Platte River Basin  
**Phone:** 970-613-6163

The Big Thompson Watershed Forum protects and improves water quality through collaborative monitoring, assessment, education, and restoration projects. The Forum created 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:** <http://www.btwatershed.org>

## Boulder Creek Watershed Initiative (BCWI)

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**Phone:** 303-938-9364

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:** <http://www.basin.org/bcwi>

## Big Dry Creek Watershed Association

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**Basin:** Metro Basin  
**Phone:** 303-480-1700

The Big Dry Creek Watershed Association conducts an extensive in-stream monitoring program which includes water chemistry, flow, habitat, fish, and benthic macroinvertebrate sampling. The Association is updating its 2002 Watershed Management Plan and has completed special studies to develop information needed for an E. coli TMDL.

**Website:** <http://www.bigdrycreek.org>

## Blue River Watershed Group (BWRG)

**Contact:** Steve Swanson      **Email:** info@blueriverwatershed.org  
**Address:** PO Box 1626 Frisco, CO 80443      **Basin:** Colorado River Basin  
**Phone:** 970-485-5581

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>

## Chatfield Watershed Authority

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**Basin:** Metro Area  
**Phone:** 303-772-5282

The Chatfield Watershed Authority, formed in 1984, is a nonprofit watershed association that conducts activities to promote watershed health in the Chatfield Watershed, including water quality, outreach, monitoring, implementing point and nonpoint source control strategies and regulatory requirements associated with Control Regulation 73. Controlling nonpoint source, particularly nutrients, is critical to preserving water quality in the Chatfield watershed and reservoir. Our mission is to promote protection of water quality in the Chatfield Watershed for drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, and other beneficial uses.



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## Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners

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**Phone:** 303-345-1675

The Stewardship Partners promote active stewardship in the Cherry Creek basin through a voluntary alliance among key land use agencies with ties to the Cherry Creek and South Platte River. Events ranging from the Partners' Annual Conference to the annual Run for the Watershed provide opportunities to be engaged with a broadly collaborative effort to deliver a practical water quality message to residents of the Cherry Creek watershed. The Cherry Creek Basin Water Stewardship and Education Initiative is the framework for outreach which includes an annual Teacher Training Workshop, sponsored field trips and classroom visits. Special events and regularly scheduled activities provide year-round opportunities to 'take it outside' and practice hands-on conservation in our prairie ecosystem.

**Website:** <http://www.cherry-creek.org>

## Coal Creek Watershed Coalition

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**Phone:** 970-349-5338

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 since 2003 and has begun implementing restoration efforts in the watershed to improve water quality and protect riparian health.

**Website:** <http://www.coalcreek.org>

## Culebra Range Community Coalition

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**Phone:** 719-846- 8380

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:** <http://www.culebrarange.org>

## Clear Creek Watershed Foundation

**Contact:** Christine Crouse **Email:** info@clearcreekwater.org  
**Address:** PO Box 1963/2060 Miner St. Idaho Springs, CO 80452 **Basin:** South Platte River Basin  
**Phone:** 303-567-2699

The Clear Creek Watershed Foundation focuses on improving water quality through sustainable watershed management. As a Good Samaritan entity, the Foundation facilitates the remediation of the many inactive 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, stakeholder forums, and the CLEAR CREEKWATERSHED FESTIVAL.

**Website:** <http://www.clearcreekwater.org>

## Coalition for the Upper South Platte

**Contact:** Carol Ekarius **Email:** carol@uppersouthplatte.org  
**Address:** PO Box 726 Lake George, CO 80827 **Basin:** South Platte River Basin  
**Phone:** 719-748-0033

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, energy conservation, mine reclamation, 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:** <http://www.uppersouthplatte.net>

## Dolores River Source Water Protection Group

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**Phone:** 970-654-5432

Dolores River Source Water Protection Group is assessing source water issues upstream of McPhee Reservoir. The group is planning to begin source water protection implementation activities in the near future with money raised locally through the Dolores River Festival, State of Colorado Source Water funding and other local efforts. An assessment report will be completed within the next year, also. This group is unique among source water protection organizations because it includes 5 different water providers within the Dolores River watershed working together on one plan- the City of Cortez, Town of Dolores, Montezuma Water Company, the Town of Dove Creek, and the Town of Rico.



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## Dolores River Dialogue

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**Phone:** 970-764-7581

The Dolores River Dialogue has funds in place to complete a non-point source pollution management plan. The stakeholders have met and identified the major issues facing the Dolores River and a draft plan is being completed. Issues include protection of: water rights and water uses, native fish, outstandingly remarkable values, the trout fishery and flows for rafting. Balancing these interests given the limited amount of water available is one of the largest challenges that the group faces.

**Website:** <http://ocs.fortlewis.edu/drd>

## 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. The Town has initiated participation in the River Watch program which allows public to participate in water testing and monitoring of their areas. The Town is particularly interested in monitoring the Dolores River and watershed inflow stream.

**Website:** <http://www.ricocolorado.org>

## Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District

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The Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District (District) was created in June 2009 under Senate Bill (SB) 09-141, established under Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statute (CRS). The District is authorized to manage, administer, and fund the capital improvements necessary in the Fountain Creek Watershed to mitigate flooding, erosion and sedimentation; address water

## Eagle River Watershed Council

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The (Eagle River Watershed) Council advocates for the health and conservation of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River Basins through research, education and projects. A few of our 17 current projects include a 1.6 mile restoration of the urban and grazing-impacted Eagle River in Edwards, monitoring of the Eagle River below the Eagle Mine Super Fund site, partnering with CDOT to mitigate traction sand migration from W. Vail Pass into Black Gore Creek, and partnering with the USFS to eradicate user-created impacts to rivers near their campgrounds. We are also updating our 14-year old Watershed Plan and creating a water Quality Monitoring Program for Eagle County.

**Website:** <http://www.eagleriverwatershedcouncil.org>

## 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:** <http://www.restorefountaincreek.org>

quality issues; improve drainage; fund the protection of open space; and develop public recreational opportunities including open space. The District has land use authority in the 100-year floodplain between El Paso and Pueblo counties (south of the City of Fountain and north of the City of Pueblo). Outside of this area, the district can provide input to public bodies on land use applications that may have direct or indirect impacts to the watershed.

**Website:** <http://www.fountain-crk.org>



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## 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.

## 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.  
**Website:** <http://www.folbr.org>

## 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:** <http://www.foruncompahgre.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.  
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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:** <http://www.friendsofthepoudre.org>

## Friends of the Yampa

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Established in the 1980's, Friends of the Yampa is a river advocacy group based in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Along with hosting the annual Yampa River Festival every Memorial Day weekend, FOY is passionate about "all things river" in the Yampa basin and Northwest Colorado.

**Website:** <http://www.friendsoftheyampa.com>



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## Gore Creek Restoration Committee

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Formed in 2009, members of the GCRC, represented by local fly-fisherman, members of Trout Unlimited and the Eagle River Watershed Council, Fly-Fishing Outfitters, Town of Vail citizens and staff, began a volunteer effort to perform a survey of the Gore Creek to identify clear, suggested measures for improvement, including stream bank restoration projects and education needed to reduce the human impact on the Creek health. With the help of the Healthy Rivers Fund, a major stream restoration and re-vegetation project is underway at Stephens Park, a highly used and heavily impacted bank that serves as a take-out for kayakers, and access for fisherman, rafters, dogs, and people. The bank will be stabilized with native riparian vegetation through volunteer plantings, flagstone access provided, and an eddy pool and boulder work will improve flow conditions. In addition, the Creek survey has been completed, culvert survey is underway, and identified sand and oil separators have been emptied. The committee will track progress and continue to identify needed projects.

## Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

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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:** <http://www.garna.org>

## Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Force

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The Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Force is a group of private, local, regional, state, and federal interests committed to addressing selenium in our locally affected waterways, while maintaining the economic viability, quality of life, and agricultural heritage of the Lower Gunnison River Basin and Grand Valley of Western Colorado.

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

## Grand County Water Information Network

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The Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN) works to coordinate water quality monitoring, information, and education programs in Grand County for a better understanding of water quality concerns and issues. We are at the headwaters of the Colorado River, with three main watersheds: Fraser River, Three Lakes (Grand Lake, and Shadow Mountain and Granby Reservoirs), and the upper Colorado. Currently our main focus areas are: starting the watershed planning process for the Colorado River Headwaters, initiating several new watershed science education programs in the schools, and re-building our water quality database to be more user-friendly and inclusive of all water quality data generated for our watershed.

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

## Groundwork Denver

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The mission of Groundwork Denver (GWD) is to bring about the sustained improvement of the physical environment and promote health and well-being through community-based partnerships and action. Our goals include: To create collaborations among community and non-profit organizations, local government, businesses, and residents to improve the physical environment, while enhancing neighborhood assets and fostering community involvement and leadership. To foster environmental justice by providing expertise and education on environmental health issues, providing opportunities for residents to develop environmental leadership and job skills, and improving the physical environment in low-income communities. Like many urban waterways, the lower 8 miles of the Bear Creek is impaired due to E.coli contamination. Denver is working to improve the water quality in the Bear Creek and other urban waterways by educating the public about watershed issues, working with volunteers to improve riparian habitat, and engaging stakeholders in comprehensive watershed planning.

**Website:** <http://www.groundworkdenver.org>



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## High Country Citizens' Alliance

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The High Country Citizens' Alliance Water Program is engaged in efforts to protect flows in the Gunnison River. This includes working with stakeholders on the re-operation of the Aspinall Unit dams to incorporate flows for Black Canyon National Park and developing flow regimes to help endangered fish; working on remediating abandoned mines to restore ecosystem health; and participating in the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. The Roundtable is a state-funded water planning process to mesh current and future consumptive water needs with environmental and recreational flow needs. HCCA also works to prevent impacts from new proposed mineral extraction proposals.

**Website:** <http://www.hccaonline.org>

## Keep it Clean Partnership

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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:** <http://www.keepitcleanpartnership.org>

## 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:** <http://www.coloradomtn.edu/LFWWG>

## 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.commfund.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.

## Lake Fork Valley Conservancy

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The Lake Fork Valley Conservancy was formed in 2010 with the joining together of the Lake Fork Land Trust and the Lake Fork Watershed Stakeholders. The Lake Fork Valley Conservancy is a non-profit organization focusing on preserving and enhancing the present for the future. We seek to protect the most beautiful and fragile of the undeveloped land in the Lake Fork watershed, including wildlife habitat, view corridors, riparian areas and wetlands, as well as preserving the local ranching tradition and providing access to public land. In addition to preserving the undeveloped land in our watershed, our group focuses on the planning and implementation of restoration initiatives on land and waterways that have been impacted by development and historic mining practices. Currently we are spearheading an ambitious river restoration project through the town of Lake City, and we are inventorying mine waste sites in our upper watershed and organizing their cleanup. This in addition to other activities such as inventorying invasive weeds and facilitating land trades and conservation easements.

**Website:** <http://www.lfvc.org>



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## 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:** <http://www.lwog.org>

## Mesa County Water Association

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The Mesa County Water Association has a long history of providing water education in Western Colorado. Founded in 1985 to bring Grand Valley water users together to understand the proposed Two Forks Reservoir Project, the organization has held well-attended "Water 101" courses on the basics of water law and policy for many years, as well as seminars and tours. Current projects include a new partnership to establish The Water Center at Mesa State College. The Water Center will bring together water experts from the college, government agencies, private industry and non-profits to help West Slope communities understand and respond to emerging water challenges.

**Website:** <http://www.mesacountywater.org>

## Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa River

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The Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa is a collective association of landowners and stakeholders along the Yampa River near Hayden that have recently formed a coalition to address accelerated bank erosion and the nonpoint sources of pollution associated with it. Their initial focus is to develop a watershed plan that will address community concerns along the river and build stakeholder involvement through education and outreach.

## Mancos River Watershed Project

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The Mancos Conservation District began a watershed management and protection plan 3 years ago. Having just completed a watershed assessment and completed numerous stakeholder meetings, we will now be working with the diverse stakeholders to create a watershed management plan that allows for the long-term health of all resources in the watershed including agriculture water quality issues. In addition to the watershed assessment the District has inventoried all of the diversion structures in the Mancos River and major tributaries. Our goal is to replace diversion structures that require annual maintenance and have a negative impact on fish migration, riparian health and functioning capacity of the river with ecologically friendly and permanent diversion structures. We currently have funds in place to replace 4 of these structures and education about and fundraising to replace particular diversion structures will be our major focus for the next year along with completing the Watershed Management Plan.

## Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership

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The Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership (MCRWP) represents a strong collective voice to protect and enhance the health of the Middle Colorado River watershed. The MCRWP has agreed to work together to identify short and long-term opportunities for collaboration and to reach out to all stakeholders in the community.

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/midcoriverpartnership/home>

## North Fork of the South Platte River Foundation

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The North Fork/South Platte River Foundation is a grassroots group of stakeholders who are striving to improve and maintain the management of the river's riparian habitat, channel habitat, water quality, and instream flows through the collaboration of local organizations, mine reclamation, and community education. Results of improved management will benefit wildlife, recreationists, and local economies.

**Website:** <http://www.northforkfoundation.com>



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## 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.

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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.

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PURE is dedicated to initially reducing visible trash in the South Platte River and tributaries in the six-county Denver urbanized metropolitan area (defined by the U. S. Census Bureau as the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)) and ultimately to pursue a "zero trash tolerance" policy in order to eliminate all visible trash from these waterways.

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## 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.

**Webiste:** <http://www.ourfuturesummit.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.

## Ridgway Ouray Community Council (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:** <http://www.roccnet.org>



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### 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:** <http://www.riograndelandtrust.org>

### Roaring Fork Conservancy

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Roaring Fork Conservancy (RFC) focuses on water quantity, water quality, and habitat preservation issues in the Roaring Fork Watershed. In 2010, we organized and hosted a very successful Roaring Fork Watershed Summit. Planned as a "Floating Summit," peak flows grounded the nearly 80 elected officials, agency staff, and water experts who had come together to discuss critical water issues in the Roaring Fork Watershed. Resolutions adopted by the watershed's counties and municipalities in support of the ongoing Roaring Fork Watershed planning process were presented at the summit. We also completed a second Phase II Guidance Document: Illuminating the Way Ahead. Illuminating the Way Ahead summarizes some of the key water resource management tools available to local decision-makers in order to help our community prepare for strategic implementation of the Plan. On June 22, the Basalt Town Council gave a unanimous approval of the conceptual design for Roaring Fork Conservancy's River Center. **Website:** <http://www.roaringfork.org>

### San Juan Citizens' Alliance

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San Juan Citizens' Alliance is a grass roots organization dedicated to social, economic and environmental justice in the San Juan Basin. We organize San Juan Basin residents to protect our water and air, our public lands, our rural character, and our unique quality of life while embracing the diversity of our region's people, economy and ecology. 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:** <http://www.sanjuancitizens.org>

### Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

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The Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) was formed to implement the recommendations of a study completed in 2001. The 2001 Study, prompted by local stakeholders, analyzed the condition of a 91-mile reach of the Rio Grande and provided recommendations for improvement. Since its establishment, the RGHRP has administered 5 projects, involving 51 sites, through collaboration with local, state, and federal entities. The projects have yielded improved water quality, reduced streambank erosion, increased sediment transport capacity, increased quality of riparian areas and habitat, and proper functioning floodplains.

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### 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:** <http://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. In 2010 SLVEC will be working in cooperation with the EPA CARE project to assess environmental risk in cooperation with the County Public Health Department. In 2009, the Council worked closely with the EPA to sponsor a free subsidized household well testing program in the valley and have mapped those results.

**Website:** <http://www.slvec.org>



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### 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.

### 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.

### Save the Poudre: Poudre's Waterkeeper

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Save the Poudre: Poudre Waterkeeper's (STP) mission is to protect and restore the Cache la Poudre River of northern Colorado. The river is threatened by several proposed dam and reservoir projects in addition to already being severely depleted. STP is also working to educate the public about the health of the Poudre River and to create a significant "instream flow" program for the river.

**Website:** <http://savethepoudre.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.

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### Sand Creek Regional Greenway

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Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a 14-mile public greenway that connects the High Line Canal and Colfax Avenue in Aurora with the South Platte River Greenway through the cities of Aurora, Denver, and Commerce City. Plans are under way to extend the greenway another 16 miles from Colfax Avenue to the Aurora Reservoir. When the greenway is complete, there will be 30+ miles of off-road trails, eight major parks, restored habitat and river corridor protection, connections to other major trails, and environmental, cultural, industrial, and educational interpretation all along the greenway.

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### 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/>

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## 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 wells as non-point source issues affecting the Urban South Platte Watershed.

**Website:** <http://www.spcure.org>

## The Greenway Foundation

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The Mission of the Greenway Foundation is to advance the South Platte River and the surrounding tributaries as a unique environmental, recreational, cultural, scientific and historical amenity that uniquely links our City's past and its future. This mission will be accomplished by creating ongoing environmental and riparian enhancements; holding property, when needed, in conservation easements; utilizing the River as an outdoor and historical learning resource, hosting free cultural events promoting the relationship between the River and music, art and theatre, providing youth employment opportunities, and by promoting good stewardship through hands-on educational programs.

**Website:** <http://www.greenwayfoundation.org>

## Uncompahgre Partnership

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The Uncompahgre Partnership (formerly known as the Uncompahgre Plateau Project) is a collaborative partnership between the Public Lands Partnership (PLP), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Western Area Power Administration and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc. The goal of the UP is to develop a collaborative approach to improve the ecosystem health and natural functions of the landscape, using best available science, community input and adaptive management.

**Website:** <http://www.uproject.org>

## The Greenlands Reserve

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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:** <http://www.greenlandreserve.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.

## Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

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The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership unites citizens and organizations that are protecting, restoring, and educating others about the river and surrounding land. Our partners offer a wealth of experience, expertise, and resources that we facilitate into working projects.

**Website:** <http://uncompahgrewatershed.org>



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## Upper Arkansas River Restoration Project

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**Basin:** Arkansas River Basin

**Phone:** 719-486-1075

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.

## Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

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**Basin:** Southwest Basin

**Phone:** 970-564-5432

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Water Quality Program is a Clean Water Act funded program that monitors and assesses water quality on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation and implements projects and programs to mitigate water pollution. Ute Mountain Ute Reservation Waters in Colorado include the Mancos, McElmo and lower San Juan watersheds.

**Website:** <http://www.utemountainuteenvironmental.org>

## Willow Creek Reclamation Committee

**Contact:** Gwen Nelson

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**Basin:** Rio Grande River Basin

**Phone:** 719-658-0178

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:** <http://www.willowcreede.org>

## Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association

**Contact:** Phyllis Adams

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**Basin:** South Platte River Basin

Idaho Springs, CO 80452

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. UCCWA is the designated 208 Management Agency responsible for testing, monitoring, overseeing and reporting water quality and water resource issues through the upper portion of the Clear Creek watershed. The membership includes 20 municipalities, counties, dischargers and related entities located in the upper Clear Creek watershed in Clear Creek and Gilpin counties.

## Westerly Creek Connection (WCC)

**Contact:** Brian Hyde

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**Basin:** South Platte River Basin

**Phone:** 720-939-6039

WCC is completing a greenway plan for the urbanized reach of Westerly Creek between Lowry and Stapleton. It explores alternative alignments for a corridor to support ongoing flood mitigation efforts while offering attractive options for a connected system of parks and open spaces with trails for cyclists and pedestrians. The plan offers a detailed vision for linking the existing greenway amenities upstream and downstream.

## Yampa River Basin Partnership

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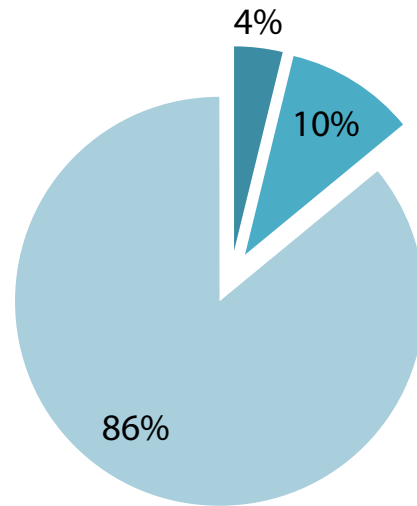
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**Basin:** Yampa, White & Green River Basin

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:** <http://www.yampavalleypartners.com>

# Expenses



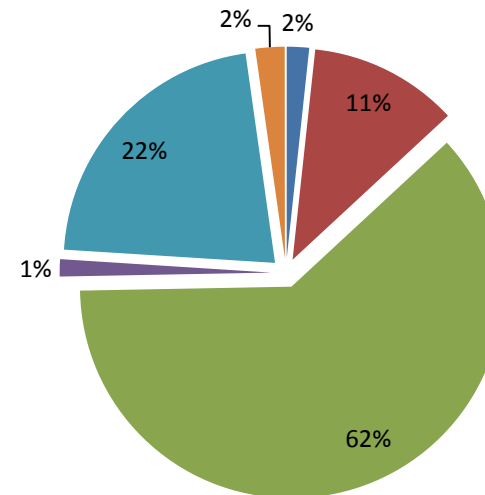
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Management \$43,205

Program \$363,253

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| Training and Other                 | \$7,325           |
| Government Grants                  | \$48,960          |
| Government Contracts               | \$264,356         |
| Conference                         | \$5,551           |
| Other Contributions, Grants, Gifts | \$93,364          |
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