

## AGENDA

### **Joint Meeting of the Blue Mesa Subcommittee of the Gunnison and Arkansas Basin Roundtables**

**June 28, 2010**

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Steam Plant Event Center**

**220 West Sackett Avenue**

**Salida, CO 81201**

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#### **PURPOSE:**

**The subcommittee is to frame the issues and recommend criteria for DNR to follow if and when they negotiate a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for water stored in Blue Mesa.**

- 9:30 – 9:45      Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review
- 9:45 – 10:15    Review and Explanation of Background Documents
- 10:15 – 12:00   Discussion of Issues (see below)
- 12:00 – 1:00    --Lunch--
- 1:00 – 3:00      Discussion of Issues (continued)
- 3:00 – 3:30      Discussion of Next Steps

#### **Issues to be Discussed:**

1. *Uses* – If water from Blue Mesa Reservoir is going to be used to benefit the entire State of Colorado what would be acceptable uses to the Gunnison and Arkansas Basin Roundtables?
2. *Contract Purpose* – How could control and release of contract water be different from current operations (i.e. what is changed by a contract)?
3. *Release and Storage* – If a release is made from Blue Mesa during a sustained drought, what water would be available in the following years? Could the storage in Blue Mesa after this one-time-release be used in conjunction with a west slope water bank?
4. *Contract Terms* – Who should determine how and when contract water will be released? Can the subcommittee provide recommendations on who should make these determinations and what terms should be included in a contract? Is a 40-year contract the only form of long-term contract available and what are the challenges/opportunities with this type of contract?
5. *Limits* – What, if any, volumetric/hydrologic condition limits should be established for use of the water (i.e. protection for minimum storage levels, etc.)?
6. *Cost* – How much might the contract cost and how should it be paid for?
7. *Other* – Are there other topic areas that need discussion or recommendations the subcommittee could make?