

**SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE**

**Michael Preston, Chair**  
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EMAILED: September 13, 2010

Mr. Todd Doherty  
Chief, Intrastate Water Management and Development Section  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600  
Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Recreational Plan for Lake Nighthorse

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$25,000 from the Basin fund of the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Lake Nighthorse Recreation Plan.

The application was considered in detail and approved at the September 8, 2010 meeting of the Southwest Basins Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present. The proposed project is a non-consumptive use recreational plan, but it also addresses a broader concern that without recreation management Lake Nighthorse will be shut off from public access, resulting in trespassing, resource damage and water quality impacts. A concern expressed during the Roundtable deliberation is the lack of an entity to assume responsibility for recreation management after the plan is completed. This has been problematic because of the fiscal limitations of municipal and county government as well as Colorado State Parks during this recessionary period. The Roundtable recognizes these circumstances, and would like to see a show of support from one such entity, in sponsoring future funding applications, even if a cash contribution is not possible.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicants directly or me at 970-565-7562, [mpreston@frontier.net](mailto:mpreston@frontier.net), if you have questions or wish to discuss these applications in more detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MP', is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Preston  
Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair