

July 11, 2011

Mr. Todd Dougherty  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Todd,

On June 15, 2011, the Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable passed a motion supporting the use of \$50,000 of basin funds for a grant proposal by the Friends of the Yampa, 501 c (3), titled Yampa River Structures Project. This proposal was first presented to the Roundtable on April 20, 2011 and then for the second reading at the June Roundtable meeting.

There was unanimous support for this motion.

Once supported, there were a few key stipulations made by the roundtable regarding this grant:

- This grant will not be for any repairs to the Charlie's Hole or for future repairs to the grant project work in the future.
- There needs to be 100% match for this grant.
- No river wide features will be built by this grant money.

This section of river is one that the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable identified as an important reach in Phase I and II of the Non-Consumptive needs assessment.

According to the City of Steamboat Springs, the section of river where this Yampa River Structures Project will be carried out "is the centerpiece for our summer activities and the cornerstone of the City's recreational economy". The City's 2007 Yampa River Structure Master Plan, the subject of the proposed grant improvements, was developed with nearly ten years of public process.

The Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable requests that the Colorado Water Conservation Board approve the grant request of the Friends of the Yampa for \$50,000 of basin fund. With full funding of this request, the Friends of the Yampa will move forward with this project that will provide a substantial first step for improving the Steamboat Springs Boating Park and contribute to the vitality of their summer recreation industry.

Sincerely,



Tom Gray  
Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable, Chair