

The Yampa, White, Green Basin Roundtable

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January 23, 2013

Greg Johnston
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
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Dear Greg:

The Yampa, White, Green Basin Roundtable voted 12-3 at its January 16, 2013 meeting to approve one grant request and forward it to the CWCB staff and board for consideration for Water Supply Reserve Account potential funding. The dissenting three votes are opposed to using state funding to finance projects on federal lands. The project is located in the headwaters of the Elkhead Creek sub-basin on the USFS area of special interest referred to as "California Park."

The request is from the Routt County Conservation District for \$15,000 in Basin Funds and \$35,000 in Statewide funds for the Armstrong Creek Restoration Project in Routt County. The project itself is non-consumptive in that it will restore habitat and improve resource conditions, but reduction of sediment resulting from these practices will have a consumptive benefit for Elkhead Reservoir, which is a major water supply for the City of Craig. The project meets the Basin's Phase I Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment for protection and habitat improvement of the Colorado River cutthroat trout population in this priority area. Furthermore, the 2010 SWSI recommendations cite the importance of multi-use (consumptive and non-consumptive) projects.

The requested funding from the Statewide account will be used on the upper reach of Armstrong Creek to design and construct a floodplain within the existing channel, reconnect old channel meanders, and create a new, stable stream and floodplain at the same or slightly higher elevation with the appropriate entrenchment ratio and riparian vegetation community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Gray", with a stylized, cursive script.

Tom Gray
Chair, Yampa, White, Green Basin Roundtable