



Arkansas River Roundtable  
Attn: Gary Barber  
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From  
AROA Board of Directors  
PO Box 1555  
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81211

Dear Chairman Barber,

This letter comes to you on behalf of the Arkansas River Outfitters Association (AROA). Our organization consists of 30-plus outfitter members representing roughly 90% of all commercial rafting operations on the Arkansas River. We would like to encourage the CWCBC & the Arkansas River Roundtable to support the efforts of Canon City and the Wildfire Water Quality Impact & Protection Project.

Since the fire on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - which burned over 3200 acres - it has become apparent that mitigation, stabilization and reclamation work would benefit the watershed and affected areas. This process will have long-term benefits including helping to maintain water quality and reducing sediment particularly during the summer monsoon season(s).

Our membership has been greatly impacted by the Royal Gorge fire and while we are most interested in seeing the Bridge & Park reopen and levels of visitation to begin to return to normal, we are also obviously always interested in anything that helps to protect and restore the valuable resource on which many of us depend to make a living.

We realize that you are keenly aware of how these types of projects can help to protect public health, the health of the resource, benefit the environment, aid in fire protection, and promote the recreational activities that make what we do possible.

In an effort to demonstrate our commitment and support we are offering to contribute \$500 to the restoration project to help with the costs.

Please contact Tony Keenan at 719-275-5344 or myself, Mike Kissack, at 719-395-2409 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Kissack".

Mike Kissack  
AROA President