

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Greg Johnson

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SUBJECT: Ute Mountain Tribe Water Conservation and Management Plan - \$30,000
from Basin Account and \$40,000 from Statewide Account

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$30,000 from the Southwest Basin Account and \$40,000 from the Statewide Account for the Ute Mountain Tribe Water Conservation and Management Plan. The application was considered in detail and approved at the April 17, 2013 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

The Ute Mountain Tribe has water rights, Reclamation Project allocations and water infrastructure investments throughout the Basin, most of which involve SWBRT IPPs. Examples include allocations in the Dolores and Animas La Plata Projects, as well as investments in Long Hollow Reservoir, and the Lake Nighthorse inlet to serve M&I water on Fort Lewis Mesa. The plan also involves optimizing use of Dolores Project M&I water which provides the water source for domestic use and commercial development in Towaoc, as a key component in the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement. Formulating a plan for the long term management of the Tribe's water portfolio will provide critical input to the formulation of the SWBRT Implementation Plan and the update of SWSI.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-565-7562, mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair