

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Craig Godbout
Water Supply Management Section
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
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SUBJECT: Rehabilitate McElmo Flume - \$20,000 from Basin Account

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$20,000 from the Southwest Basin Account to help rehabilitate the McElmo Flume. The application was considered in detail and approved at the March 12, 2014 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

The proposed project is a Southwest Basin Roundtable IPP. The McElmo Flume is the last of over a hundred wooden flumes that were part of the water delivery system to the Town of Cortez and the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company. This important remnant of local agricultural history is located near the Montezuma County Fairgrounds on Highway 160 where the San Juan Skyway and Trail of the Ancients overlap. The restoration of the flume is being done in conjunction with the development of an historic highway pullout. The Flume Restoration received \$124,000 from the State Historical Fund and the requested funding will provide the necessary match along with match provided by Montezuma County Southwest Water Conservation District and Ballantine Family Foundation. This project fits well with the Roundtable strategy of increasing water education.

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