

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: Redburn Ranch Diversion Project - \$50,000 from Basin Account, \$98,500
from Statewide Account

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$50,000 from the Southwest Basin Account and \$98,500 from the Statewide account for the Redburn Ranch Diversion Project. The application was considered in detail and approved at the July 9, 2014 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

The proposal is an IPP and a multi-benefit project, giving it high priority in the Southwest Basin Implementation Plan framework. The proposed project, sponsored by Trout Unlimited, improves connectivity and fish habitat on the Dolores River above McPhee Reservoir while improving the reliability of irrigation deliveries to the participating ranch. As water management below McPhee Reservoir becomes increasingly focused on sensitive native fish species, the improvement in sports fishing that this project is intended to support provides a trout fishing alternative above McPhee Reservoir even during drought periods.

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