

**SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE**  
**Michael Preston, Chair**  
**c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District**  
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January 16, 2017

Mr. Craig Godbout  
Water Supply Management Section  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600  
Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Rehabilitate the Wooden Trough, McElmo Flume - \$20,000 from Basin Fund

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable approved funding of \$20,000 from the Basin Fund to Rehabilitate of the Wooden Trough of the McElmo Flume, sponsored by the Montezuma County. The application was considered in detail at the January 11, 2017 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

This Project is IPP 16-DM. The project highlights the heritage of the City of Cortez as an irrigation water supply town and will display the unique craftsmanship involved in the construction of the flumes that made the historic Montezuma Irrigation Company delivery system work. Rehabilitating the wooden trough is the final step in a multi-faceted effort that has involved stabilizing the foundation, and building a pull-out on the Highway 160 entrance to Cortez near the Fairgrounds, and installing historic display panels. These phases have been completed. The project has leveraged substantial financial investment by the State Historic Preservation Program and a wide variety of matching sources.

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](mailto:mpreston@frontier.net), if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston  
Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair