

Water Supply Reserve Fund – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 20-21, 2019
Agenda Item 24(e)

Applicant & Grantee: Western Slope Conservation Center

Water Activity Name: Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2

Water Activity Purpose: Multipurpose (Env & Rec/Ag/Ed&Outreach)

County: Gunnison & Delta

Drainage Basin: Gunnison

Water Source: North Fork Gunnison River

Amount Requested: \$18,547 Gunnison Basin Account
\$10,000 Statewide Account
 \$28,547 Total Request

Matching Funds: Applicant & 3rd Party Match (cash & in-kind) = \$103,548
 • 1,035% of the Statewide Account request (meets 10% min)
 Basin Account Match = \$18,547
 • 185% of the Statewide Account Match (meets 10% min)
 Total Match (Applicant/3rd Party & Basin Account) = \$122,094
 • 1,220% of the Statewide Account request (meets 50% min)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$18,547 from the Gunnison Basin Account, and \$10,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF grant funds, if approved, will assist the Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC), the North Fork Water Conservancy District (NFWCD) and Trout Unlimited (TU) to build on prior river health and irrigation assessments to prioritize and plan multi-purpose projects to meet existing and future irrigation water demands and improve irrigation infrastructure, water use efficiency and reliability while improving environmental and recreational attributes in the North Fork of the Gunnison River (North Fork). In 2015, WSCC, NFWCD, and TU partnered to implement the “North Fork Integrated Water Management Plan and Assessment”. The products of that project were two comprehensive assessments that identified environmental, agricultural, and recreation needs for the North Fork. The project was successful and provided the framework for recommendations that will be implemented in this proposal.

The “IWMP: Phase 2” project will create a North Fork River Stakeholder Group (Task 1) which will gain support for multi-purpose projects recommended in the aforementioned assessments, improve boater safety through engineering design and signage (Task 2), and work with water users to increase

understanding of river operations through the development of a suite of analytical tools (Task 3), and provide an Action Plan which will outline future implementation of “IWMP: Phase 3” project.

WSRF funds will be used to implement Tasks 2 and 3 of this project

Discussion: This effort will assist the Gunnison Basin Roundtable achieve the Goals 1, 5, 8 and 9 of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan, as well as assisting the state achieve the goal of covering 80% of the locally prioritized lists of rivers with stream management plans as called for in Chapter 10, Section 10.2 of Colorado’s Water Plan.

Issues/Additional Needs: The applicant needs to submit several letters of matching commitment before CWCB can bring this grant under contract, otherwise no issues or additional needs have been identified.

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components: General Eligibility, Entity Eligibility, Water Activity Eligibility, and Eligibility Based on Match Requirements.

Evaluation Criteria: This activity has undergone review and evaluation and staff has determined that it satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Please refer to Basin Roundtable Chair’s Recommendation Letter and the WSRF Grant Application for applicant’s detailed response.

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Status</u>
West Slope Conservation Center	\$10,500	\$7,667	\$18,167	Secured
North Fork Water Conservancy District	\$0	\$7,667	\$7,667	Pending
Trout Unlimited	\$0	\$7,666	\$7,666	Pending
CWCB Watershed Restoration Program Grant	\$66,047	\$0	\$66,047	Secured
West Elk Community Fund	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	Secured
New Belgium Brewing	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	Secured
Sub-total	\$80,547	\$23,000	\$103,548	
WSRF Gunnison Basin Account	\$18,547	\$0	\$18,547	Secured
Sub-total	\$99,094	\$23,000	\$122,094	
WSRF Statewide Account	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	
Total Project Costs	\$109,094	\$23,000	\$132,094	

CWCB Project Manager: Chris Sturm

*The Gunnison Basin Roundtable
210 West Spencer, Suite B
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February 4, 2019

Mr. Craig Godbout
Water Supply Management Section
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1313 Sherman St., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

Re: WSRF Grant Request: Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2

Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the Western Slope Conservation Center for \$10,000 from Statewide Account funds and \$18,547 from Basin Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Fund for the Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2 Project was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and its Project Screening Committee. The request for funding was approved by a unanimous vote of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on January 21, 2019.

This water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes. The requirements/language from the statute is provided in Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines. In addition, this project meets Goals 1, 5, 8 and 9 of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan.

Thank you for your support of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Kugel
Gunnison Basin Roundtable

cc: Kathleen Curry (email)
Tom Alvey (email)
Western Slope Conservation Center, applicant (email)

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Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Instructions

All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current [2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#).

To receive funding from the WSRF, a proposed water activity must be approved by a Roundtable(s) **AND** the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for Roundtable consideration and recommendation is outlined in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly according to the schedule on page 2 of this application.

If you have questions, please contact the current CWCB staff Roundtable liaison:

<p>Arkansas</p> <p>Ben Wade ben.wade@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3238</p>	<p>Gunnison North Platte South Platte Yampa/White</p> <p>Craig Godbout craig.godbout@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3210</p>	<p>Colorado Metro Rio Grande Southwest</p> <p>Megan Holcomb megan.holcomb@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3222</p>
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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)
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X	I acknowledge this request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.
X	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines .
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . ⁽¹⁾
Application Documents	
X	Exhibit A: Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (<i>Word – see Template</i>)
X	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
X	Map ⁽²⁾
X	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support
Contracting Documents ⁽³⁾	
	Detailed/Itemized Budget ⁽³⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.</i>)
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽⁴⁾
	W-9 Form ⁽⁴⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i>)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽⁴⁾

(1) Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting

(2) Required with application if applicable.

(3) Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget maybe required for contracting.

Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

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(4) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.

Schedule		
CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates	Type of Request
January	December 1	Basin Account; BIP
March	February 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
May	April 1	Basin Account; BIP
July	June 1	Basin Account; BIP
September	August 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
November	October 1	Basin Account/BIP

Desired Timeline	
Desired CWCB Hearing Month:	March 2019
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	June 2019

Water Activity Summary	
Name of Applicant	Western Slope Conservation Center
Name of Water Activity	Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2 (IWMP:2)
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾
Gunnison Basin	\$18,547
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$ 18,547
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10,000
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$28,547
Total Project Costs	\$132,094

(1) Please indicate the amount recommended for approval by the Roundtable(s)

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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Western Slope Conservation Center
Mailing Address	PO Box 1612, Paonia, CO 81428
FEIN	84-0728032
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Patrick Dooling
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	director@theconservationcenter.org
Phone	970-527-5307
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	<u>Jake Hartter</u>
Position/Title	Watershed Coordinator
Email	jake@theconservationcenter.org
Phone	970-527-5307
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

(1) Person with signatory authority

(2) Person responsible for creating reimbursement invoices (Invoice for Services) and corresponding with CWCB staff.

Description of Grantee
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).
<p>The Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC) is a 501 C3 organization, founded in 1977, whose mission is to create an active and aware community to steward the air, lands, and watershed of the North Fork and Lower Gunnison Rivers.</p> <p>The North Fork Water Conservancy District (NFWCD) was established in 1962 to assist in the management of the Paonia Project (Paonia Reservoir). Since that time the NFWCD has transferred management of the reservoir to Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Co. NFWCD continues to assist numerous ditch companies with various projects and serves as a community voice at the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.</p>



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
	Public (Government): municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
	Public (Districts): authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises
	Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations
	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
X	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
	Study
X	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)	
X	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)
X	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)
X	Agricultural
	Municipal/Industrial
	Needs Assessment
X	Education & Outreach
	Other
	Explain:

Location of Water Activity	
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed activity below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Countries	Gunnison & Delta Counties
Latitude	38 deg 52' 05" N
Longitude	107 deg 35' 29" W

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Water Activity Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water activity (200 words or less). Include a description of the activity and what the WSRF funding will be used for specifically (e.g. studies, permitting, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the activity. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, area of habitat improvements. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain. The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule.

In 2015, WSCC and NFWCD partnered to implement the “North Fork Integrated Water Management Plan and Assessment”. The project represented the first step in identifying Stream Management Plan (SMP) objectives for the North Fork of the Gunnison River (North Fork). The project incorporated a phased approach which prioritized preliminary SMP data such as stakeholder interviews, gathering local support, assessment of river conditions, and identifying multi-purpose river needs at a reach scale. The Phase 1 project produced two comprehensive assessments which identified the agricultural, environmental, and recreation needs along the North Fork and prioritized recommendations for a Phase 2 implementation project.

This Phase 2 proposal is the result of significant stakeholder outreach and represents strategies from many entities with diverse water backgrounds, within the North Fork watershed and the larger Gunnison Basin.

The Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2 project will focus on 3 objectives prioritized in the 2017 assessments:

- 1) Create the North Fork River Stakeholder Group to gain support for the multi-purpose projects recommended in the Irrigation Management Plan and Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessment.
- 2) Improve boater safety in Reach Four through engineering design and signage.
- 3) Work with water users to increase understanding of river operations through the development of a suite of analytical tools. Develop and prioritize multi-purpose projects based on results from analytical tools.

Measurable Results

To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)	
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive	
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
9398 ft	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)	
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
X	Other	Explain: Stream Management Planning- Identification of efficiency projects with multi-benefits to consumptive / Non-consumptive water users through development of water management analytical tools.

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Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the most recent [Statewide Water Supply Initiative](#), and the respective [Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan](#) ⁽¹⁾. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).

For applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, the proposed water activity shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan criteria for state support (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;) (Also listed pp. 4-5 in [2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#)).

In 2015, Colorado adopted the state Colorado Water Plan which provided guidelines to achieve productive local economies based on healthy streams and rivers, productive agriculture, and sustainable recreation industries. The plan calls for 80 percent of Colorado watersheds to be covered by Stream Management Plans (SMP) by 2030. The Integrated Water Management in the North Fork: Phase 2 project will build upon the early successes in the SMP process and begin to take a deeper look into prioritized river reaches and develop analytical tools to examine the opportunities, costs and benefits of multi-purpose projects to meet plan goals. Outputs from these tools will be used to develop a Roadmap that will increase stakeholder understanding of river operations, opportunities and limitations.

All state and basin plan initiatives emphasize multiple stakeholder processes with opportunities for improvements to multiple goals (e.g., rural and municipal, recreation, environmental and agricultural). This proposed project is a product of extensive community outreach among a diverse set of North Fork river stakeholders. As a deliverable, Task 1 of this project (see attached Scope of Work) will convene a series of facilitated engagements with river stakeholders and serve to function as a long-term strategy team to identify areas of needed technical assistance and prioritize long-range river planning.

This project is ideal for state funding because it presents direct benefits to the larger Gunnison and Colorado River Basins by providing a means for understanding an area of the basin that has, until recently, had very little information assembled.

The 2010 Statewide Water Supply Initiative recommends that the water community "Recognize the importance of environmental and recreational benefits derived from agricultural water use, storage reservoirs, and other consumptive water uses and water management." (ES 41) This project would highlight such benefits by developing a suite of tools which would allow for the determination of the best possible outcome for consumptive and non-consumptive water users.

The Integrated Water Management in the North Fork: Phase 2 project aligns well with the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan whose stated goals include:

1. Protect Existing Water Uses in the Gunnison Basin.
5. Quantify and protect environmental and recreational water uses.
- and
8. Restore, maintain, and modernize critical water infrastructure (ES 4)

Additionally, the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan identifies the North Fork Region as a Tier 1 non-consumptive use type for "Project Identification and Inventory"

(1) Access Basin Implementation Plans or Education Action Plans from Basin drop down menu.



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
<p>Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3rd party and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines (submitted on the contributing entity's letterhead). Attach additional sheet if necessary.</p>	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
Total Match	
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests	
<p>Statewide Account grant requests require a 50% match as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. A minimum of 10% match shall be from Basin Account funds (cash only). A minimum of 10% match shall be provided by the applicant or 3rd party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3rd party) and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment. Attach additional sheet if necessary.</p>	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):
Gunnison Basin Roundtable	\$18,547 (cash)
Western Slope Conservation Center	\$10,500 (cash)
Western Slope Conservation Center	\$7,667 (in-kind)
North Fork Water Conservancy District	\$7,667 (in-kind)
Trout Unlimited	\$7,666 (in-kind)
CWCB Watershed Restoration Program	\$66,047 (cash)
New Belgium	\$2,500 (cash)
West Elk Community Fund	\$1,500 (cash)
Total Match	\$122,094
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	

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Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water activity is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

The North Fork of the Gunnison is fortunate to have had numerous valuable river assessments completed since the mid 1990's. Most recently, a completed river assessment; the "North Fork of the Gunnison River Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessment, WSCC, 2017" and the "North Fork of the Gunnison River Irrigation Management Plan, NFWCD, 2017." This new project is directly driven by the recommendations in those reports. Other river assessments that have informed the scope of this project include:

- Crane, Jeffory P. 1997. Preliminary Assessment of the Morphological Characteristics of the North Fork of the Gunnison River.
- North Fork River Improvement Association. 2000. Watershed Restoration Action Strategy for the North Fork Gunnison River.
- North Fork Water Conservancy District. 2001. Water Management Plan, Final Report.
- North Fork River Improvement Association. 2004. Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Network, 2004-2007.
- North Fork River Improvement Association. 2009. Water Quality Monitoring Report: October 2004 – October 2007 Data.
- North Fork River Improvement Association. 2010. North Fork of the Gunnison River Watershed Plan UPDATE.
- Crane Associates. 2014. Assessment of Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects, 1999-2014, North Fork Gunnison River Delta County, CO. Prepared for Western Slope Conservation Center.
- Western Slope Conservation Center. 2016. Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Network, 2001-2014.

This project will complement and provide financial assistance for the "Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2" project funded through the CWCB Watershed Restoration Program. Funding for that project will be awarded in January 2019.

Previous CWCB Grants

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order

- 1) Western Slope Conservation Center
- 2) North Fork of the Gunnison Environmental/Recreation and Irrigation Infrastructure assessment and Planning (Stream Management Planning)
 - Non-Consumptive
 - Agricultural
 - Municipal / Industrial
 - Needs Assessment
 - Other: Water Quality Improvement
- 3) Gunnison Basin Roundtable
- 4) January 4, 2016
- 5) POGG1 2016-780
 - Statewide Account: \$30,000
 - Basin Account: \$27,000



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Tax Payer Bill of Rights

The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

None known



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<u>Exhibit A - Statement of Work</u>	
Date:	December 1, 2018
Water Activity Name:	Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2 (IWMP: Phase 2)
Grant Recipient:	Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC)
Funding Source:	WSRF
Water Activity Overview: (Please provide brief description of the proposed water activity (no more than 200 words). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRF funding will be used for.)	
<p>The “IWMP: Phase 2” project will build on prior river health and irrigation assessments to prioritize and plan multi-purpose projects to meet existing and future irrigation water demands and improve irrigation infrastructure, water use efficiency and reliability while improving environmental and recreational attributes in the North Fork of the Gunnison River (North Fork). In 2015, WSCC, NFWCD, and Trout Unlimited (TU) partnered to implement the “North Fork Integrated Water Management Plan and Assessment”. The products of that project were two comprehensive assessments that identified environmental, agricultural, and recreation needs for the North Fork. The project was successful and provided the framework for recommendations that will be implemented in this proposal.</p> <p>The “IWMP: Phase 2” project will create a North Fork River Stakeholder Group (Task 1) which will gain support for multi-purpose projects recommended in the aforementioned assessments, improve boater safety through engineering design and signage (Task 2), and work with water users to increase understanding of river operations through the development of a suite of analytical tools (Task 3), and provide an Action Plan which will outline future implementation of “IWMP: Phase 3” project.</p> <p>WSRF funds will be used to implement tasks 2 and 3 of this project.</p>	
Objectives: (List the objectives of the project)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Create the North Fork River Stakeholder Group to ensure an array of values and ideas related to use of the river and its water are heard, and to develop local support for multi-purpose projects and concepts and recommended in the Irrigation Management Plan and Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessments. 2) Improve Boater Safety in Reaches 3-4, which extends from the Stewart Mesa diversion to the North Fork Farmers Ditch Company (Farmers Ditch) diversion, through accepted engineered infrastructure improvements and signage. 3) Educate water stakeholders to increase understanding of river operations, including the influence of water use efficiency improvement projects, and associated effects on water quality and quantity through the development of an array of analytical tools (e.g., water right accounting and water use simulation workbooks / spreadsheets) to prioritize future projects. 	



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Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 1-</u> <i>Create North Fork River Stakeholder Group</i>
Description of Task:
<p>In 2017, an Irrigation Management Plan and Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessment were completed by the North Fork Water Conservancy District and Western Slope Conservation Center. Both assessments are Tier 1 projects from the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan. Both assessments call for better communication and education between water users and environmental and recreational stakeholders. To date, there have been some efforts to convene a broad set of river stakeholders, but these efforts have been sporadic and have not yet addressed the lack of communication between water user groups. This lack of unified understanding has hindered support for the multi-purpose projects recommended in the Irrigation Management Plan and Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessments.</p> <p>Improved communication amongst stakeholders will help water managers, irrigators and river advocates make well-informed decisions that benefit the entire river system and meet multi-purpose resource management goals for the North Fork. In this task, the Western Slope Conservation Center and the North Fork Water Conservancy District will work together to convene a series of facilitated engagements with stakeholders to explore operational challenges and river health needs through identification of needed technical assistance and prioritization of multi-purpose project and/or management strategy recommendations.</p>
Method/Procedure:
<p><i>Sub-Task 1.1: Engagement Roadmap</i></p> <p>The Western Slope Conservation Center and the North Fork Water Conservancy District will contract with a community engagement facilitator to create a roadmap that will successfully formalize, engage and foster the River Stakeholders Group. The roadmap will identify 8-10 integral members of the North Fork water community and will include key representatives from state and local governments, irrigation ditch boards, area industry, non-profit groups, and representatives of the recreation community. With guidance from NFWCD and WSCC the stakeholders will work together to develop a roadmap which will lay out long-term goals as well as 1 and 2-year outcomes. Specific elements of this plan will include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of the stakeholders who should be included • Goals for stakeholder engagement, including expectations and outcomes • Schedule and objectives for each meeting; anticipate 9 meetings • Build foundational support to implement irrigation efficiency and related diversion upgrades identified in Sub Task 2.1 for use as a model demonstration project for future multi-benefit projects • Identify and prioritize river reaches in need of riparian habitat restoration • Create scope of work for the development of technical tools in Task 3 and define how these tools can best be used to increase Stakeholder understanding of challenges, limitations and opportunities for optimizing river operations for multiple benefits. <p><i>Subtask 1.2 – Implement Engagement Roadmap</i></p> <p>The Western Slope Conservation Center and the North Fork Water Conservancy District will carry out the tasks outlined in the Engagement Roadmap to convene the River Stakeholders Group every other</p>



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<p>month for 18 months to further shared goals, oversee development and use of Task 3 analytical tools, and prioritize coordinated project opportunities. The community engagement facilitator will ensure a successful start, with the intent to ultimately hand off facilitation to Western Slope Conservation Center staff member(s) or other appropriate mutually appointed community member(s).</p> <p>Subtask 1.3 – Promote River Awareness and Implement Community Outreach Events Engaging the North Fork community about river safety and water efficiency is an integral component of Tasks 1 and 2. Therefore, WSCC will host a river festival (Riverfest) at the Paonia River Park devoted to raising river awareness around river health, water efficiency, recreation safety, water education, and the River Stakeholders Group process. WSCC will hire a Riverfest Coordinator and raise sponsorships for this event. The WSCC watershed committee will also support targeted outreach by hosting an “Irrigation 101 in the North Fork Valley” workshop, focused on providing water efficiency information to new residents.</p>
<p>Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of long-term group of North Fork River Stakeholders who will meet to discuss river related challenges and opportunities as well as long range river planning • Development of a framework for implementation to achieve multi-benefit objectives.
<p>CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement Roadmap and reports on its effectiveness • Nine meetings of the River Stakeholders Group with agendas and minutes • Host Riverfest 2019 and report on its success • Host Irrigation workshop and report on its success

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 2-</u> <i>Improve Boater Safety in Reaches 3 - 4</i>
Description of Task:



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<p>This task will be a pilot project for the stakeholder group and represents a tangible example of the multipurpose projects the group will identify, prioritize, and implement. The 2017 North Fork of the Gunnison River Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessment, along with the 2017 North Fork Irrigation Management Plan, identified 3 locations at or near diversion structures within River Reaches 3 - 4 that are potentially hazardous to boating recreation at certain river levels. Efforts to improve boater safety (including signage and structural improvements) will avoid future accidents, reduce conflict and bodily risk, and compliment future efficiency projects.</p> <p>North Fork Farmers Ditch (Farmers ditch) was selected for the pilot project. Farmers ditch is located within reach 4 and is one of the older active diversions in the North Fork. Though the timber and rock structure itself is quite stable, the diversion is able to, and often does, sweep the river, creating an impasse for aquatic species and sediment transport. Additionally, the downstream boulders and upstream metal cribbing represent a significant hazard to boats and boater (see photos in Attachment A).</p> <p>This task will result in 30% engineering design for improvements to the Farmers ditch diversion. It will also improve boater safety at both the Stewart Mesa and Farmers Ditch diversions with improved signage.</p>
<p>Method/Procedure:</p> <p>Sub-Task 2.1 : 30% Engineering Design A licensed engineering consultant will complete a 30% rehabilitation design and provide an Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Cost for the Farmers Ditch diversion. Engineering will focus on how to leverage an investment in diversion improvements to meet the ditch companies needs and challenges in addition to providing solutions for recreation hazards. This task will also develop a funding plan and schedule for implementation.</p> <p>Sub-Task 2.2: Signage This task will design and install appropriate signage upstream of the Stewart Mesa and Farmers Ditch diversion structures directing boaters to the main river channel to avoid dangerous hazards and reduce trespassing.</p>
<p>Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)</p> <p>Improved boater safety and aquatic species travel within Reaches 3-4 of the North Fork</p>
<p>CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% Design, Engineer’s opinion of probable cost and funding plan for a rehabilitation of the Farmers Ditch diversion that improves boater safety • Design and installation of safety signage at Stewart Mesa and Farmers diversions

Tasks

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:



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<u>Task 3-</u> <i>Increase understanding of river operations</i>
Description of Task: <p>Several technical tasks were identified as next steps in the 2017 Irrigation Management Plan and the Environmental and Recreation Needs Assessment. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct follow-up geomorphological monitoring of 1997 cross sections to improve understanding of changes within the North Fork River System during the past 20 years to help guide future decisions in river channel restoration.• Identify areas for riparian corridor wetland development to mitigate the extreme tendency of the river channel to migrate during high flows, which leads to significant loss of agricultural land and difficulty operating ditch headgates.• Conduct water administration impact studies to assess how changes in efficiency may impact individual irrigators and/or provide recreational and/or environmental benefit.• Implement a prioritized list of proposed projects that involve ditch infrastructure improvements that provide benefits to both irrigators and non-consumptive users.• Support implementation of additional Colorado River Salinity Control (and other related water efficiency) projects such as off farm conveyance efficiency improvements (e.g., piping open irrigation canals) and on farm application efficiency projects (e.g., sprinkler implementation) as appropriate. <p>Undertaking all of these recommendations at once is neither financially feasible nor palatable to water users. To further understand and prioritize potential projects, the River Stakeholder Group, with input from water users and direction from WSCC, NFWCD and partners, will develop analytical tools to examine the opportunities, costs and benefits of multi-purpose projects. Outputs from these tools will be used in the implementation of the Engagement Roadmap to increase stakeholder understanding of river operations opportunities and limitations.</p>
Method/Procedure: <p>With support from a licensed engineering consultant, the River Stakeholder Group will develop a set of analytical tools that can be used to simulate and analyze the physical and legal availability of water supplies to meet existing and future demands for a specific water user or group of water users. This will be performed by accounting for diversions and return flows in priority; this will assist in identifying opportunities for potential changes in river operations, accounting, exchanges, etc. It will also be used to assess the impact of future water efficiency improvement projects (e.g., salinity control and EQIP investments). These analytical tools will be developed and made available at the request of a specific water user group or water efficiency project.</p> <p>These methods have been used in other sub basins of the Gunnison River and have been very effective. As an example, the “Division 4 workbook” has been an effective tool for stakeholders in the Upper Gunnison and Uncompahgre River watersheds. Such a tool set is effectively missing in the North Fork subbasin.</p>
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed Scope of Work and task orders to develop analytical tools• Documentation, software and/or scenario oriented results will be created; this will include basic water rights information, irrigation demands, consumptive uses and efficiency estimates that will inform a common stakeholder baseline understanding of river operations related to supply and demands for a specific water user group or water efficiency project identified by the river stakeholder group.



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CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed progress report on Scope of Work and task orders

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 4 - Phase 3 Action Plan</u>
Description of Task:
Based upon the goals, objective and results from Tasks 1-3, the North Fork River Stakeholder Group will identify high priority projects and strategies to undertake in Phase 3 of the Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River project.
Method/Procedure:
This action plan will examine and analyze the recommendations from the Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River Phase 1 reports and will incorporate the results from these Phase 2 tasks described above to develop a unified, well-supported scope of work for the future implementation of Phase 3. The scope of work will include project descriptions, a timeline, a budget, and a lead entity for each task as well as a funding strategy and plan.
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3 Scope of Work including timeline, budget, strategic funding plan, and prioritized project list
<p>CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed progress report on Phase 3 Scope of Work

Tasks
<p>Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:</p>
<p><u>Task 5 - Project Management</u></p>
<p>Description of Task:</p> <p>The purpose of this task is to support the Western Slope Conservation Center with the project management needs of the project, specifically: tracking project progress, including each subconsultant’s deliverables and costs with respect to the scope of work; supporting the necessary communication and coordination with the Project Team; coordinating with Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), as needed; and preparing for and participating in stakeholder meetings. Specific subtasks are described below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subtask 5.1 - Track and report on project tasks, budget, and schedule, oversee invoicing and project accounting Subtask 5.2 - Coordinate with the River Stakeholder Group and lead the project team, including regular check-ins, meeting summaries, action items and documentation of consensus Sub-task 5.3 - Circulate draft documents for stakeholder review, revision of draft documents as appropriate, and distribution to River Stakeholder Group, interested public, funders and other participants Subtask 5.4 - Ensure high quality of deliverables, including grant reports, fund accounting and final report that incorporates all stakeholder input; deliverables will be archived electronically and made available via a public website.
<p>Method/Procedure:</p>



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<p>The WSCC staff and NFWCD together with staff from Trout Unlimited and other consensus-based, appropriate community members will provide Project Management services as outlined above.</p>
<p>Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports • Monthly invoices • Publication and distribution of reports and associated deliverables, as appropriate
<p>CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed progress report on project management activities

Budget and Schedule

Exhibit B - Budget and Schedule: This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined [Budget and Schedule](#) that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format. A separate excel formatted Budget is required for engineering costs to include rate and unit costs.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The grantee shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the grantee shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the grantee's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.



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Payments

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures, must include invoices for all work completed and must be on grantee's letterhead. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to CWCB within 90 days of the expiration of a purchase order or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from CWCB.

Performance Requirements

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the final deliverable is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the final deliverable has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per the Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per the Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.



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Water Supply Reserve Fund

EXHIBIT B - BUDGET AND SCHEDULE - Direct & Indirect (Administrative) Costs

Date: December 1, 2018

Water Activity Name: Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2

Grantee Name: Western Slope Conservation Center and North Fork Water Conservancy District

<u>Task No.</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u> (cash & in-kind) ⁽³⁾	<u>WSRF Funds</u> (Basin & Statewide combined) ⁽³⁾	<u>Total</u>
<u>1</u>	Create North Fork River Stakeholder Group	June 2019	December 2020	\$45,420		\$45,420
2	Improve Boater Safety in Reaches 3-4	July 2019	November 2020	\$19,410	\$9,410	\$28,820
3	Increase Understanding of River Operations	June 2019	December 2020	\$18,717	\$11,283	\$30,000
4	Phase 3 Action Plan	June 2019	December 2020	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
5	Project Management	June 2019	December 2020	\$15,000	\$2,854	\$17,854
Total				\$103,547	\$28,547	\$132,094

(1) The single task that include costs for Grant Administration must provide a labor breakdown (see Indirect Costs tab below) where the total WSRF Grant contribution towards that task does not exceed 15% of the total WSRF Grant amount.

(2) Start Date for funding under \$100K - 45 Days from Board Approval; Start Date for funding over \$100K - 90 Days from Board Approval.

(3) Round values up to the nearest hundred dollars.

- Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget may be required for contracting. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

- Reimbursement eligibility commences upon the grantee's receipt of a Notice to Proceed (NTP)

- NTP will not be accepted as a start date. Project activities may commence as soon as the grantee enters contract and receives formal signed State Agreement.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of the CWCB staff project manager. Once the Final Report has been accepted, the final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order (PO) or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to the CWCB with 90 days of the expiration of the PO or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from the CWCB.

- Additionally, the applicant shall provide a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of contract execution

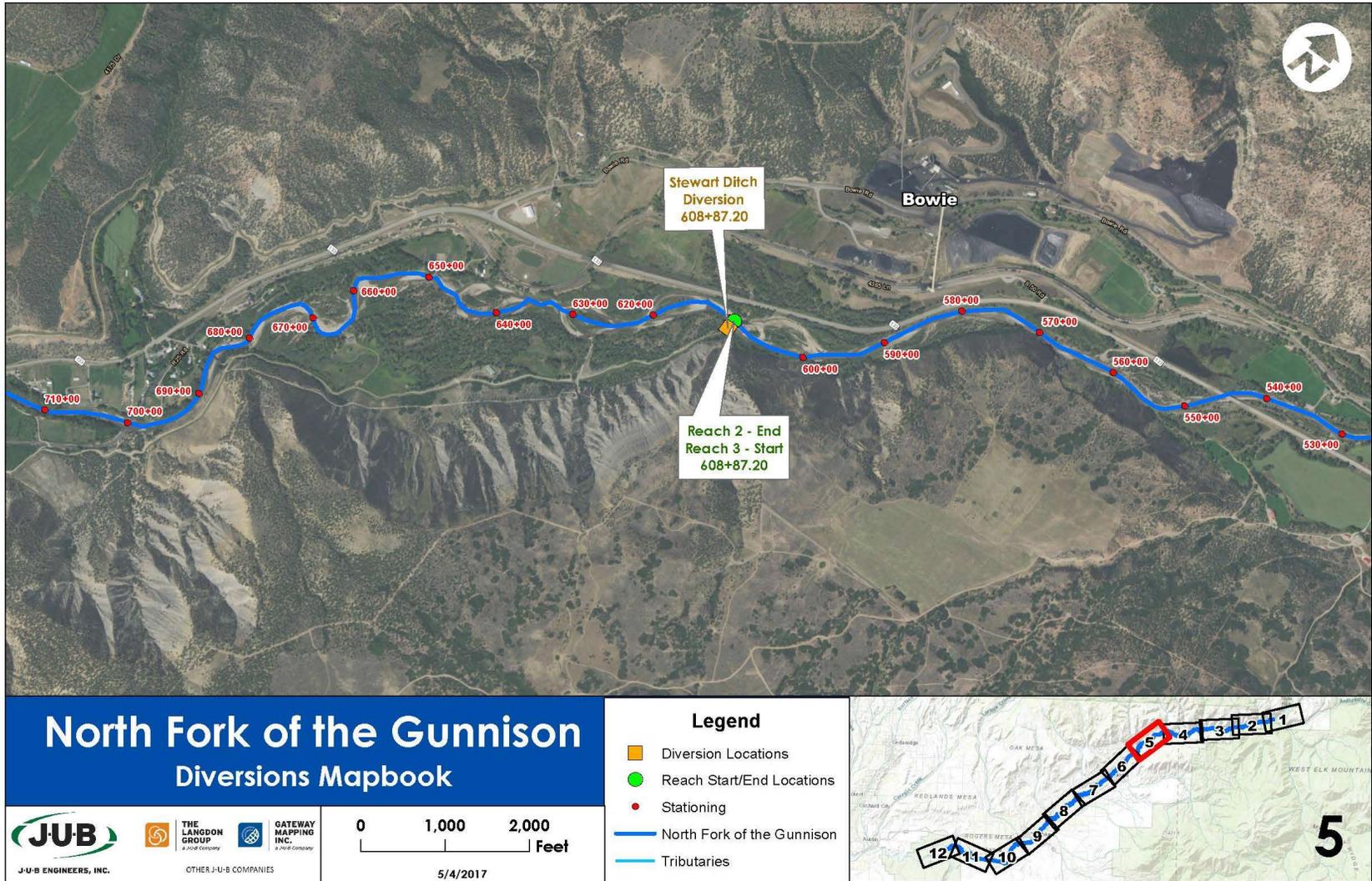
- Standard contracting procedures dictate that the Expiration Date of the contract shall be 5 years from the Effective Date.



North Fork of the Gunnison: Reach 1 Start



North Fork of the Gunnison: River Reach 1 End, River Reach 2 Start

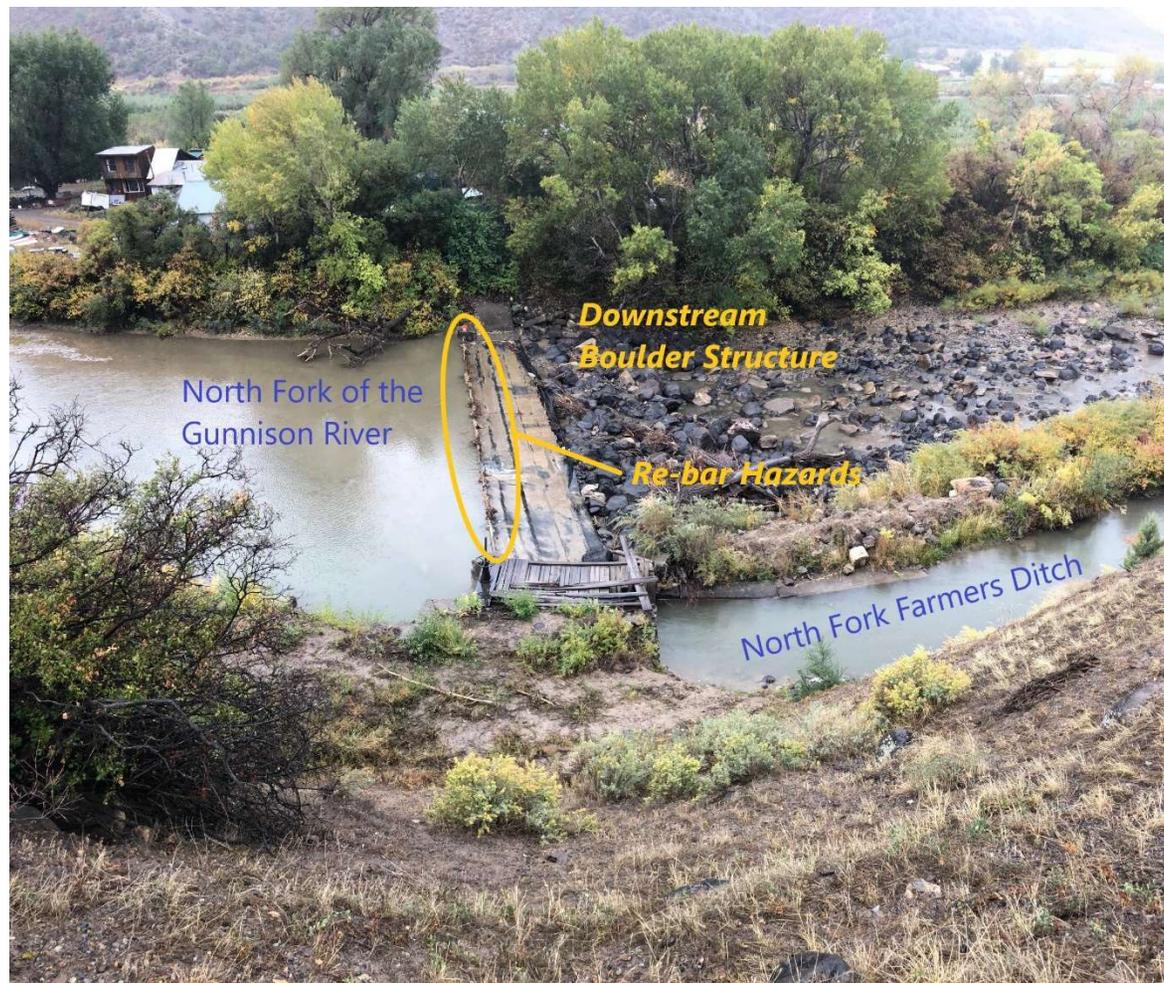


North Fork of the Gunnison: River Reach 2 End, River Reach 3 Start



North Fork of the Gunnison: River Reach 3-4, River Reach 5 Start

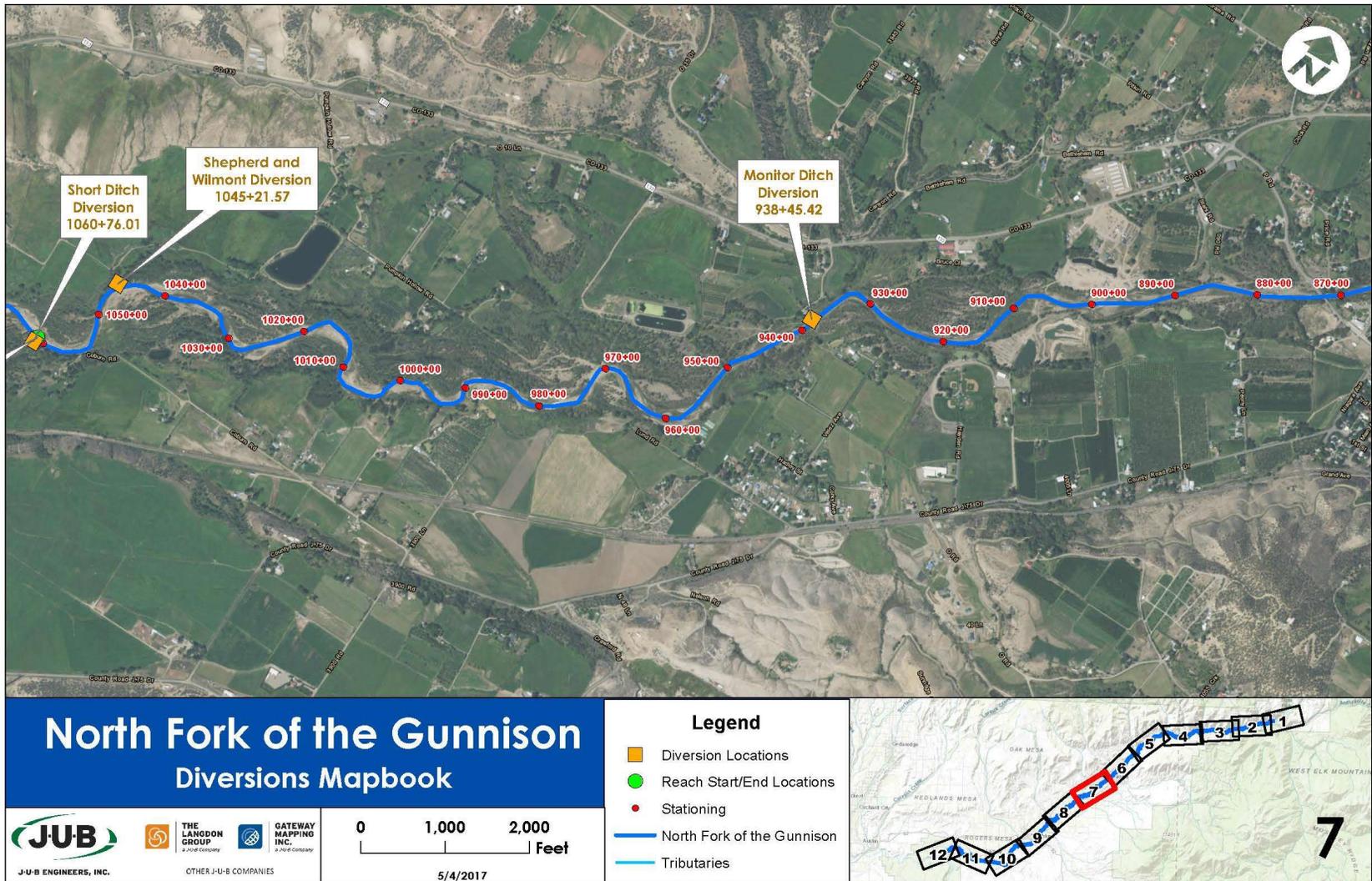
North Fork Farmers Ditch Diversion:



Boulder Structure and Re-bar are significant hazards to boater safety.



North Fork Farmers Ditch Diversion: Boulder Structure and Re-bar Hazards



North Fork of the Gunnison: River Reach 5 End



January 23, 2018

Jake Hartter, Watershed Coordinator
The Western Slope Conservation Center
204 Poplar Avenue
Paonia, CO 81428

Dear Western Slope Conservation Center:

We are pleased to inform you that the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has approved your application, **Integrated Water Management in the North Fork Gunnison River: Phase 2**, for funding pursuant to the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program (CWRP) in the amount of \$66,047. Please contact me to schedule a time to discuss the contracting process and additional needs.

General additional needs include:

- Stream Management Plan grantees must demonstrate that the planning effort put as much or more emphasis on environmental and recreational water uses as it does on other water uses.
- All CWRP funding awards are contingent upon applicant's ability to secure match funding.
- All grantees should adhere to their organizational procurement policies when hiring contractors and consultants. CWCB recommends that State procurement policies be used as a guide if an organization does not have procurement policies.
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scopes of work, engineering designs, and applications. This may result in changes. Comments are forthcoming.

The CWRP Grant Program Guidance can be located on our website for additional information.

Sincerely,
Vivian Pinelli
Administrative Assistant II



P (303) 866-3441 | F (303) 866-4474
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718 | Denver, CO 80203
vivian.pinelli@state.co.us | cwcb.state.co.us

12/20/2018

Western Slope Conservation Center
PO Box 1612
Paonia, Colorado 81428

Grant Cycle: Water Conservation and Restoration
Purpose of Grant: Integrated Water Management in the North Fork of the Gunnison River -
Phase 2
Amount of Grant: \$2500

This grant awarded from New Belgium Brewing Company is subject to the following terms
and conditions:

- A. By cashing this check, Western Slope Conservation Center certifies that New Belgium's
check for \$2500 has been received.
- B. This grant must be used for the project identified above, as described in the Grantee's
proposal and related correspondence, and may not be expended for any other purposes
without the New Belgium's prior written approval.
- C. For grants in the amount of \$2500 or more, For grants in the amount of \$2500 or more,
please complete the Grant Follow Up Report by October 31, 2019.

<https://newbelgiumbrewing.submittable.com/submit/7de231da-8434-4147-b833-b3d25b8945aa/new-belgium-grant-follow-up-report>".

For grants less than \$2500 no reporting is required. However, we welcome emailed
correspondence with any updates, photos, or video you'd like to share with us-
grants@newbelgium.com.

We request that in any publicity regarding this grant, acknowledgement be made that funds
were received from New Belgium Brewing Company. If posting on social media, please use
#NewBelgium. Please send/email copies of any publicity. For our most recent logo and press
materials, please email grants@newbelgium.com with your request.

To reduce paper waste, please refrain from adding us to your annual campaign mailing or
any other mass mailed requests for funding. Thank you for your hard work to improve the
health of the planet and inspire others to joyously embrace sustainable choices.

Sincerely,



Meghan Oleson
Philanthropy Coordinator



New Belgium Brewing Company	19459	WESTERN SLOPE CONSERVATION CENTER	12/20/2018	190961
Invoice number	Invoice date	Gross amount	Cash discount	Payment amount
Water2018	12/19/2018	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
			Check Total:	2,500.00



New Belgium Brewing Company
 500 Linden Street
 Fort Collins, CO 80524
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 PAONIA, CO 81428
 USA

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

Authorized Signature

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The Western Slope Conservation Center
ATTN: Sarah Sauter
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

SECOND SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON CHECKS OVER \$10,000

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From West Elk Community Fund

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**WESTERN COLORADO
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Charitable Funds for Community Good

November 7, 2018

Alex Johnson
The Western Slope Conservation Center
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

Dear Alex,

Enclosed please find a grant distribution from the **West Elk Community Fund** managed by our regional Community Foundation. This check in the amount of \$1,500 is to be used for watershed conservation and outreach. We are delighted to be able to support your important work.

Please acknowledge this grant as **Western Colorado Community Foundation/West Elk Community Fund**. You may send an acknowledgment letter to:

Western Colorado Community Foundation
PO Box 4334
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Sincerely,

Tedi Gillespie
Grants and Community Outreach Director
tgillespie@wc-cf.org

By accepting and depositing this grant check, you are certifying that your organization is a qualified 501c3 organization or other charitable organization recognized and currently in good standing with the IRS. These funds may only be used for the purpose outlined above; you must notify us if you are unable to do so. You may only use these funds for charitable purpose as described in Section 170c2 of the IRS code, and funds may not be used for any political or lobbying activity. In addition, no tangible benefits, goods or services may be received by our donors or by staff members of the Western Colorado Community Foundation in exchange for this contribution.

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Grand Junction, CO 81502

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OFFICE
225 North 5th St, Suite 505
Grand Junction, CO 81501

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CONTACT
Phone 970.243.3767
Fax 970.243.9767

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ONLINE
www.wc-cf.org



November 30, 2018

Colorado Water Conservation Board
ATTN: Gunnison Basin Roundtable
Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)

**RE: CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund Request
North Fork of the Gunnison River; Integrated Watershed Management Plan: Phase II**

Dear Gunnison Basin Roundtable and CWCB Board,

Please accept this letter in support of the Western Slope Conservation Center and North Fork Water Conservancy District proposal to the CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF).

Delta Conservation District has been a supporter of water conservation and habitat restoration efforts in the North Fork and Lower Gunnison River watershed for many decades. We recently worked with the Western Slope Conservation Center on a project to help area ditch companies identify wetland sites for Habitat Replacement associated with U.S Bureau of Reclamation Basinwide Salinity Control Program. Providing information and assistance to our agricultural community through grant funding or water and land use education is one of our top priorities.

Many of the members of our agricultural community were hit hard by the extreme drought this past summer. Delta Conservation District supports this project which will promote long-range river planning for years like this one and foster improved communication between consumptive and non-consumptive water users within the North Fork System.

Delta Conservation District is eager to support collaborative efforts, such as this project, that benefit the entire North Fork Watershed.

Sincerely,

Paul Kehmeier
President
Delta Conservation District

Cc: Western Slope Conservation Center

NORTH FORK WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

**P. O. Box 217
Hotchkiss, Co. 81419**

(970)872-2155

November 30, 2018

Colorado Water Conservation Board
ATTN: Gunnison Basin Roundtable
Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)

**RE: CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)
North Fork of the Gunnison River; Integrated Water Management Plan: Phase II**

Dear Gunnison Basin Roundtable and CWCB Board,

Please accept this letter in support of the Western Slope Conservation Center and North Fork Water Conservancy District (NFWCD) proposal to the CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF). The North Fork Water Conservancy District is pleased to support this request for funding. As you know, the NFWCD is a conservancy district representing the North Fork Valley of the Gunnison River. We have partnered with the WSCC to propose Stream Management planning for the North Fork.

Many of the members of our agricultural community were hit hard by the extreme drought and unseasonably warm temperatures during this past summer. Water managers across our community put in to action processes that have not been utilized in more than 30 years in order to make the most from the limited resources that were available to them.

We support this project which builds upon previous efforts in the North Fork valley to develop strategies for improved communication between water users, implement river recreation safety measures, and identify the tools needed for long-range water efficiency planning. We are confident that this project will advance those efforts and provide the needed support to decision makers to improve sustainability for the North Fork of the Gunnison river.

North Fork Water Conservancy District is eager to support collaborative efforts, such as this project, that benefit the entire North Fork Watershed.

Sincerely,

Tom Alvey
President
North Fork Water Conservancy District



Colorado Water Conservation Board
ATTN: Gunnison Basin Roundtable
CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)

**RE: CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) Request
North Fork of the Gunnison River; Integrated Water Management Plan: Phase II**

Dear Gunnison Basin Roundtable and CWCB Board,

Please accept this letter in support of the Western Slope Conservation Center and North Fork Water Conservancy District proposal to the CWCB Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) for Phase II of the North Fork of the Gunnison River Integrated Water Management Plan.

Trout Unlimited, alongside the 10,000 supporting members in Colorado and over 150,000 members nationwide, strive to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain coldwater fisheries like the North Fork of the Gunnison. For nearly 7 years Trout Unlimited has been engaged in water planning and irrigation efficiency projects aimed at restoring flows in the basin.

We supported the first phase of environmental and irrigation needs assessment and are confident that continuing these efforts with a stakeholder engagement, boater safety, and technical support project will result in improvements to water resource management and structural improvements that benefit multiple water needs. TU plans to provide significant staff time to all phases of the project.

In closing, we express our full support of this project and encourage the Colorado Water Conservation Board and its staff to provide funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cary Denison".

Cary Denison, Trout Unlimited
Gunnison Basin Project Manager