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Water Supply Reserve Fund - Statewide & Basin

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	DeWeese Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company
Name of Water Project	DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project- Phase 1
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$42,000.00
Statewide Request Amount	\$272,224.00
Statewide Project Category	Aging Infrastructure
Applicant Cash Match	\$92,130.00
Applicant In-Kind Match	\$0.00
Basin Requests	
<i>Arkansas</i>	\$42,000.00
Sources of Funding	
<i>Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District</i>	\$12,610.85

Grant Details

Statewide Project Category Justification

By replacing aging infrastructure, the project provides significant and critical agricultural, recreational, and environmental benefits for the 725 shareholders, 1,500 agricultural acres, reservoir recreational users, and 27 miles of Grape Creek habitat.

Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: DeWeese Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company
Mailing Address: PO Box 759 Canon City CO 81215
FEIN: 840,182,915

Organization Contact: Annette Reed-Pugh
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Grant Management Contact: Annette Reed-Pugh
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Description of Grantee/Applicant

The DeWeese-Dye Ditch and Reservoir Company was incorporated in 1896. Today, the Ditch and Reservoir Company serves 725 shareholders and irrigates lands and growers in Fremont County, Canon City, and Lincoln Park. DeWeese-Dye Ditch water comes from the Grape Creek drainage in the Westcliffe and South Colony area of Custer County, southwest of Canon City, and is stored in DeWeese Reservoir. The Ditch and Reservoir Company also manages about seven miles of open ditches, pipes, tunnels, and siphons and provides water for three small reservoirs located in Lincoln Park.

Location of Water Project

Latitude	38.209568
Longitude	-105.449003
Lat Long Flag	Precise coordinates: Project coordinates are readily definable and precisely define the location of the project
Water Source	Grape Creek
Basins	Arkansas
Counties	Fremont; Custer
Districts	12-Arkansas: Salida to Portland; 13-Wet Mountain Valley

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type	Agricultural
Type of Water Project	Construction / Implementation
Scheduled Start Date - Design	
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	10/1/2024
Description	<p>Deweese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company operates a large reservoir and irrigation ditch on Grape Creek, providing water to 725 shareholders for various crops, hay fields, orchards, gardens, nurseries, vineyards, and lawns. The reservoir and creek are also popular for water-based recreation and provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife both at the reservoir and along 27 miles of the stream on private and public lands, including a BLM Wilderness Study Area. The 100-year-old system is aging and needs repair to protect safety, health, and habitat and deliver water to crops, wildlife, the environment, and land.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the project will repair the dam outlet, while phase 2 will pipe the open ditches and repair and update the aging gates and valves. DeWeese-Dye prioritized the repair of the dam outlet pipe for phase 1 because of the potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts of leaving the aging dam infrastructure unaddressed. The phased project will increase efficiency and reduce health and safety concerns. Without repair, the irrigation system could fail, impacting 700 households and 1,500 agricultural acres. Once implemented, the two-phase project will increase system efficiency and safety and support fish and wildlife habitat.</p>

Measurable Results

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
4,441	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
142,560	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)
	Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)
654	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
No additional measurable results provided	

Arkansas Basin Roundtable

March 13th, 2024

Via Electronic Mail: ben.wade@state.co.us

Mr. Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Colorado Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application: DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project

Dear Ben:

At its March 13th, 2024 meeting, the Arkansas Basin Roundtable (ABRT) approved support of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project- Phase 1 request for \$42,000 from the Basin account and \$272,224 from the Statewide account. The applicant is also providing \$104,741 in matching funds.

Deweese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company operates a large reservoir and irrigation ditch on Grape Creek, providing water to 725 shareholders for various crops, hay fields, orchards, gardens, nurseries, vineyards, and lawns. The reservoir and creek are also popular for water-based recreation and provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife both at the reservoir and along 27 miles of the stream on private and public lands, including a BLM Wilderness Study Area. The 100-year-old system is aging and needs repair to protect safety, health, and habitat and deliver water to crops, wildlife, the environment, and land.

Phase 1 of the project will repair the dam outlet, while phase 2 will pipe the open ditches and repair and update the aging gates and valves. DeWeese-Dye prioritized the repair of the dam outlet pipe for phase 1 because of the potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts of leaving the aging dam infrastructure unaddressed. The phased project will increase efficiency and reduce health and safety concerns. Without repair, the irrigation system could fail, impacting 700 households and 1,500 agricultural acres. Once implemented, the two-phase project will increase system efficiency and safety and support fish and wildlife habitat.

This project supports the goals of the Colorado Water Plan and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Implementation Plan in many ways.

The DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project supports the goal of “*optimizing investments in infrastructure and increasing efficiency and conservation*” under the Vibrant Communities action area, as the project increases irrigation efficiency. Additionally, dam repair is more cost-effective than building a new dam or reservoir, thereby optimizing investments.

The project supports all of the goals under the Robust Agriculture action area. It also “*enhances streamflows using a variety of available tools*,” a goal under the Thriving Watersheds action area, by ensuring reliable infrastructure exists to release water to Grape Creek, reducing flow fluctuations.

Finally, the project will support the goal of “*protecting storage infrastructure from effects of wildfire, flooding, and debris flow*” under the Resilient Planning action area by ensuring a functioning outlet pipe capable of releasing an adequate volume of water in case of a storm event upstream preventing dam failure, flooding downstream, and the associated habitat and safety concerns.

The DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project is supportive of all three of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable’s broad themes for basin water planning as outlined on page 12 of Volume 2 of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (BIP), which are:

- *Increased water storage is critical to all solutions.* – The project, if funded, will allow the reservoir to store water to its full intended capacity.
- *The Arkansas Basin... must meet its present and future water supply gaps by maximizing the use of native and imported water.* – Phases 1 and 2 of the project will increase efficiency, thereby maximizing the use of native water.
- *Stakeholders should take all actions required to maintain current water supplies and prevent future water supply gaps from increasing.* – DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company’s proposal aims to maintain and conserve current water supplies, which will help prevent increasing supply gaps.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, (719) 668-8028 or email at mshea@csu.org.

Thank you,

MDShea

Mark Shea
Chair

Copy via email: Applicant; Needs Assessment Chair



COLORADO
Division of Water Resources
Department of Natural Resources
Dam Safety Branch

January 17, 2024

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Board Members
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203
Email: ben.wade@state.co.us

SUBJECT: DeWeese Dam, Letter of Support for WSRF Grant

Dear CWCB Board Members,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of Colorado Dam Safety for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, has potential safety and operational impacts for the dam and the irrigation company.

As you know, Colorado Dam Safety regulates the safety of dams in Colorado, and we have identified the condition of DeWeese Dam's 120-year-old+/-, 36-inch diameter, steel outlet pipe as an operational risk, based on inspection and observation of voids behind the pipe. The concern is that the pipe could separate from the concrete dam and fail, leaving the 36-inch diameter outlet inoperable and very difficult and expensive to repair, if not addressed proactively. Pipe failure would have negative impacts on the dam's emergency reservoir drawdown capacity and on water rights administration during high flows.

In August 2022, Colorado Dam Safety performed a Comprehensive Dam Safety Evaluation risk assessment of DeWeese Dam, using CWCB and FEMA grant funding, our contract Engineer and participation by DeWeese-Dye staff. Our office is in the process of completing risk assessments for all High Hazard dams in Colorado. This in-depth review of DeWeese Dam found no structural deficiencies that present unacceptable risk of dam failure at this time. Risk assessments are an important part of ensuring that limited dam owner and public funds are spent in the most efficient way to minimize risk of dam failure and downstream life loss. In this case, the dam has no outstanding structural deficiencies, so moving ahead with addressing the operational issue of the outlet conduit make sense from our perspective.

We encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support DeWeese Dye Ditch Company's grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 719-250-5606 or mark.perry@state.co.us to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Perry, P.E.
Colorado Dam Safety
Dam Safety Engineer



CWCB, Board Members
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COLORADO
Division of Water Resources
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Dam Safety Branch

January 10, 2024

Ben Wade
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United States Department of the Interior

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Royal Gorge Field Office
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Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Denver, CO 80203

1/15/2024

Dear Mr. Wade:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office (BLM, RGFO) for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700 DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

The BLM, RGFO manages about 650,000 surface acres in Eastern Colorado, including approximately 25 miles of Grape Creek downstream of DeWeese reservoir. Much of this area is designated a BLM Wilderness Study Area, as well as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Grape Creek is critical to supporting riparian and aquatic habitat essential to various aquatic and terrestrial wildlife species that reside within this area and is also an important sport fishery with both public and private access. We support this project because the flows in Grape Creek are regulated by the operation of the DeWeese Dam, and proper regulation of these flows are essential to the species who rely on this habitat, as well as the public recreators. The DeWeese Ditch Company has been and continues to be an excellent partner working with the BLM, RGFO on various issues, such as the administration of the winter flow program, in which they partner with us to purchase water and provide storage space to maintain winter flows in the creek for the benefit of fish and wildlife.

We strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation and ensure that water rights holders receive water for irrigation.

Sincerely,

Aaron Richter
Fisheries, Riparian and Weeds Program Lead
BLM, RGFO



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January 24, 2024

Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Denver, CO 80203

RE: WSRF Grant - DeWeese-Dye Ditch Outlet Pipe Replacement

Dear Mr. Wade,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700 DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities. CPW looks forward to reviewing designs and working with DeWeese-Dye on this project.

This project is well aligned with CPW's mission to protect water quality, water quantity, recreation and fish and wildlife habitat. This outlet rehab effort provides a framework for maintaining healthy stream systems and encourages the protection and enhancement of riparian and aquatic habitat for wildlife, birds and fish. While riparian areas and wetlands comprise only 2% of our landscape in Colorado they are used by more than 75% of our wildlife species.

Grape Creek below DeWeese Reservoir represents approximately 27 miles of quality trout habitat before the confluence with the Arkansas River. This fishery supports a wild brown trout population that has the potential to hit gold medal standards in certain sections, and CPW has been working hard to recover this section of Grape Creek as a rainbow trout fishery. Although winter flows are continual and reduced from ideal conditions needed for quality habitat, any effort to protect these flows will be beneficial to the fishery.

CPW respectfully requests that the CWCB consider the importance of these improvements and urges your favorable consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

Paul Foutz
Senior Aquatic Biologist





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Colorado Water Conservancy Board
Attn: Ben Wade
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

December 22, 2023

Dear Mr. Wade:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District (RMWSD) for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

RMWSD provides essential water and wastewater services in the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff and surrounding areas. We support this project because the DeWeese Reservoir is a vital component of our water augmentation decree, providing water storage necessary for the operations of our municipal wells. The DeWeese Reservoir is also a popular fishing and camping location, providing a benefit to our local businesses and economy.

We strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation and ensure that Shareholders receive water for irrigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Schneider", is written over the "Sincerely," text.

David Schneider, CWP
District Manager
Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District

Fremont Conservation District

248 Dozier Avenue
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone (719) 315-3417

Board of Supervisors

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Kathleen Drenckhahn, Member

Jamie Grisenti, Member

January 16, 2024

Colorado Water Conservancy Board
Ben Wade

Dear Mr. Wade:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of The Fremont Conservation District for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

The Fremont Conservation District Board of Supervisors consists of 5 members that meet once per month to discuss local conservation concerns, needs and opportunities. We assess those needs, concerns and opportunities and strive to find solutions to the issues and to provide the services needed to landowners in Fremont County to accomplish these opportunities. We support this project because available water is important to all landowners in Fremont County and repairing aging dams and irrigation pipes and ditches are a main concern of ours. We do realize the expense of these repairs and support the DeWeese Ditch Company in their efforts to make these repairs with funding that may be available for these efforts.

We strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation and ensure that Shareholders receive water for irrigation.

On behalf of the Fremont Conservation District,

Debbie Mitchell

District Manager

Arlin Bolkema
1820 Pinion Ave.
Canon City, Colorado 81212

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Ben Wade
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
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January 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Wade:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

I have been a shareholder on the DeWeese-Dye Ditch company for 18 years and currently serve as President of the Ditch company board. I have served as President for the last 6 years. I agreed to serve on the Board because I saw the extreme necessity to preserve and conserve the water that is coming into the Grape Creek water shed. I felt that I could help to do just that. My wife and I have two acres of irrigated pasture that we use to graze a few calves each year; without the water it would be just a patch of dry dirt. We also have a vineyard that is home to 320 grapevines. We sell our grapes to The Winery at the Abbey that produces world-renown wines. The Abby's Winery enhances the local economy and helps to provide work for the employees of the Abbey. The sale of the grapes provides revenue for us to cover the cost of maintaining the vineyard, our little homestead and pay for water shares, taxes and some insurance.

The irrigation water from DeWeese-Dye Ditch is the lifeblood of the Lincoln Park area of Canon City! The irrigation water from DeWeese-Dye Ditch is what sustains our community's ability to grow vineyards, and orchards and produce farm-to-market products, sustain pastures and hay-lands, maintain gardens and lawns. Without this water, Lincoln Park property values would be dramatically impacted, farming income streams for families would be eliminated. The requested grant money will ensure our company not only meets Colorado dam safety requirements, but will permit us as a company, charged with proper stewardship of critical water resources, to efficiently sustain and utilize our decreed water rights for the livelihoods and cultural heritage of small rural farming families in Colorado.

I strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request. Our land, our families, and our community depend on this vital water resource! Protecting our water, for all the reasons I've cited here, is not only our charge now, but our responsibility to future generations.

Sincerely,

Arlin Bolkema
DeWeese-Dye Ditch Board President and Shareholder

January 14, 2024

Colorado Water Conservancy Board,

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. This project will repair and replace an aging dam outlet pipe that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

My wife and I are shareholders of the ditch and I am the vice-president of the DeWeese-Dye Ditch Company. We own 4.5 acres of land which has supported an apple orchard for many years and is currently being used to grow blue spruce for the landscape industry. Most of our neighbors, who have a little property, also use their land for agricultural purposes. Raising beef cows, vineyards, fruit trees, hay, etc. Most smaller properties use the water to grow their personal gardens. My wife and I support this project because without our irrigation water our enterprise comes to an end as well as those of our neighbors. Without this water the historical, economic, environmental impact on all DeWeese shareholders would be very unfortunate. We live across the street from a Centennial Farm (100 years of generational ownership of a farm/ranch) that would not have existed without their irrigation water. Our landscape trees help supplement our income, and all the hay fields around us not only help their owners financially, but they are an environmental boon for insect populations all the way up to foraging animals.

My wife and I strongly urge the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation along our waterway. While also ensuring that Shareholders continue to receive the irrigation water that has formed the backbone of our irrigation community for many years and will, hopefully, continue to serve future generations for many years.

Kenn Estes

DeWeese-Dye vice-president and shareholder

Leo French
1955 Cedar Ave.
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Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

1/08/24

Dear Mr. Wade:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of Leo and Marilyn French for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

Marilyn and I along with our two girls, Macy and Lyndsey, own 26 acres on the Deweese-Dye ditch system. This water allows us to grow grass hay and alfalfa crops which we use to feed to cows and horses. We support this project because the farming of our ground is only possible with water from this ditch system. We use this hay to lower the feed costs of raising cattle and horses. It also provides valuable experience to our girls in irrigating techniques and operating and maintaining hay equipment. We have multiple different types of wildlife that also forage on these irrigated fields.

We strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation and ensure that Shareholders receive water for irrigation.

Sincerely,

Leo French
Deweese-Dye Ditch Board Member and Shareholder.

Marc Thompson
1228 Logan Street
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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Mr. Wade:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair and replace aging dam outlet pipes that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

I am not only a shareholder of DeWeese-Dye Ditch but I'm also an elected board member of the company. My wife and I own four acres of irrigated land in Lincoln Park on division one lateral. We have a 2-acre hay field on this property that produces 200 to 230 bales of hay annually for sale. We could not do this... if we didn't have access to the irrigation water provided by DeWeese-Dye Ditch! This hay supplements our income (and that of the farmer processing our hay), the field provides ample forage and open space for wildlife, all the while maintaining the historical, rural, and agricultural aspect of a community established over 100 years ago for these very purposes. To say that the irrigation water from DeWeese-Dye Ditch is what sustains our ability to produce a farm product, maintain gardens, lawns, vineyards, and orchards... is truly an understatement. The irrigation water from DeWeese-Dye Ditch is the lifeblood of the Lincoln Park area of Canon City! Without this water, Lincoln Park property values would be dramatically impacted, farming income streams for families would be eliminated, and quite frankly, it would cease to be the very thing it was created to be. This grant money will ensure our company not only meets Colorado dam safety requirements, but can and will permit us as a company, charged with proper stewardship of critical water resources, to efficiently sustain and utilize our decreed water rights for the livelihoods and cultural heritage of small rural farming families in Colorado.

I strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request. Our land, our families, and our town depend on this vital water resource! Protecting our water, for all the reasons I've cited here, is not only our charge now but our responsibility to future generations.

Sincerely,

Marc Thompson
DeWeese-Dye Ditch Board Member and Shareholder

Bill Brogoitti
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Arkansas Basin Roundtable
Mark Shea, Chairperson
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1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
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01/09/2024

Dear Mr. Shea:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company's grant application to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for phase one of the DeWeese-Dye Irrigation Safety & Efficiency Project. The project will repair the aging dam outlet pipe that, if left unaddressed, will have potential safety, operational, and ecological impacts on the 1,500 agricultural acres and 700+ DeWeese-Dye shareholders and the surrounding communities.

I support this project because the irrigation water from DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company sustains my ability to produce hay, pastures for grazing and provide wildlife habitat. Without irrigation water this would not be possible. The DeWeese Reservoir is also a popular recreational destination, a vital habitat for fish and wildlife.

We strongly encourage the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support this grant request, which will protect safety, habitat, and recreation and ensure that Shareholders receive water for irrigation.

Sincerely,



Bill Brogoitti

Shareholder, DeWeese-Dye Ditch Board Member and Ditch Superintendent