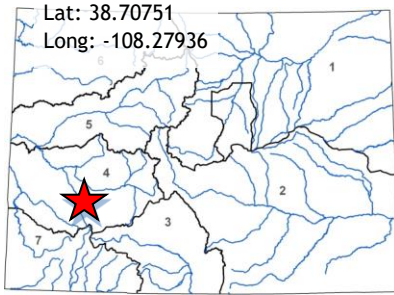




Water Plan Grant Application



D E T A I L S	
Total Project Cost:	\$1,078,244
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$275,194
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0
Other Funding Amount:	\$803,050
Applicant Match:	\$0
Project Type(s):	Construction
Project Category(Categories):	Agriculture
Measurable Result:	10 acres of restored or preserved habitat; 10,200 LF of stream restored or protected

L O C A T I O N	
County/COUNTIES:	Mesa, Montrose, Delta, Gunnison
Drainage Basin:	Gunnison

This grant award will fund the design and construction of improvements to 18 diversion structures and stream channel restoration work in the vicinity of each.

This Project aims to upgrade irrigation infrastructure by repairing diversion dams, installing pipe, replacing broken headgates, and installing measurement structures. It will also restore damaged riparian areas by installing fencing; plant native grasses, shrubs, and trees; and build beaver dam analogues. These low-tech restorative efforts will improve habitat for fish, including native suckers, trout, and chub. This work will take place at separate sites on Escalante Creek, Cochetopa Creek, and Tomichi Creek and will be executed over a three-year period.

Trout Unlimited has already been awarded a Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant for which this Water Plan Grant will provide match. Other supporting funds are provided by Colorado Canyons Association and the Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District.

The application for this grant was submitted with support letters from the Colorado Canyons Association and the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board approval of \$275,194 to Trout Unlimited for the Gunnison River Drought Resiliency and Restoration Project.

