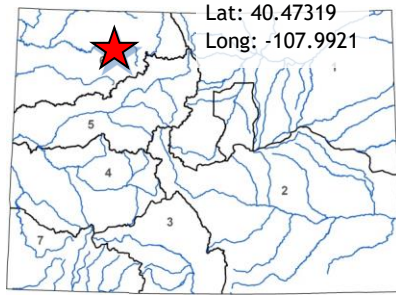




**Water Plan Grant Application**



L O C A T I O N	
County/Countries:	Moffat
Drainage Basin:	Yampa

D E T A I L S	
Total Project Cost:	\$1,579,173
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$750,000
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0
Other Funding Amount:	\$0
Applicant Match:	\$829,173
Project Type(s):	Construction
Project Category(Categories):	Agriculture
Measurable Result:	3,000 LF of stream restored or protected; 5,000 AF efficiency savings, 2 acres of habitat restored or preserved; 45 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water-savings actions into land use planning,

This grant award will fund the construction of an irrigation diversion structure and associated project management costs.

Improvements to the Maybell diversion structure will enable irrigators to more easily control water in the Maybell Ditch and access their decreed water rights while improving fish and boat passage. The project will rehabilitate irrigation infrastructure, increase agricultural efficiency, benefit designated critical habitat of three endangered fish (Bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, and Razorback sucker) and one threatened fish (Humpback chub), and improve safety for river recreation.

The Maybell Irrigation District diverts approximately 20,000 acre-feet annually to serve 18 producers with 1,200 acres of hay pasture.

The application for this grant was submitted with support letters from the Maybell Irrigation District, Friends of the Yampa, the Moffat County Board of County Commissioners, the Yampa River System Legacy Project, and the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. It also included a statement of engineering feasibility from JUB Engineers.

**Funding Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Board approval of \$750,000 to The Nature Conservancy for the Maybell Diversion Construction Project.