

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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SUBJECT: Correlation of Air Temper, Water Temperature and Elevation in Evaluating Sustainability of Native Trout Populations on the Upper Dolores River and its Tributaries - \$5,000 from the Water Plan Environmental and Recreation Implementation Grants

Dear Chris:

This is a letter of support for \$5,000 being requested by the Dolores Chapter of Trout Unlimited from the Environmental and Recreation Water Plan Implementation Fund to conduct the next phase in their effort to Correlate Air Temper, Water Temperature and Elevation in Evaluating Sustainability of Native Trout Populations on the Upper Dolores River and its tributaries.

This project is included in the BIP Environmental Projects and Processes (p. 97), described as a current IPP (p. 90), is aligned with partnerships and collaborative efforts to address environmental and recreation gaps (p. 105).

The \$5,000 requested for this effort is a small amount of funding that will achieve important monitoring and assessment work on trout populations and drought, thanks to the extensive amount of scientifically supervised volunteer work, and close cooperation with the Forest Service.

Please give your careful consideration to this worthwhile project. Feel free to contact me at 970-565-7562, mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss support for this application in more detail.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston
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