

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership: Strategic Plan for 2018 to 2020

Foundation for Strategic Plan for 2018 to 2020:

- UWP prioritizes projects by feasibility (especially with respect to funding), water quality or watershed health benefits, and public awareness.
- UWP will create a technical committee to support board, contractors and partners in project planning and implementation.
- In 2018, UWP will report on past projects, update the community on recent progress, and write grants for future projects.
- The UWP board will create the 2019 work plan in late 2018, and incorporate into staff contracts to facilitate the projects identified in the strategic plan.
- UWP recognizes that flexible and adaptive management is necessary.

UWP's Goals (updated 2018)

Goal 1) Monitor and improve water quality

Goal 2) Improve and maintain riverine ecosystem function including in streams and riparian areas

Goal 3) Improve seasonal low flows and water supply

Goal 4) Promote awareness of watershed science and conditions to diverse stakeholders

Goal 5) Promote recreation opportunities

2018-2020 Projects

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership: 2018 Projects								
Project	Location	Objective	Project Schedule	Estimated Project Budget	Potential Funding Source(s)	Funding Schedule	Comments	
San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference	Creede, CO	Education and outreach for mine reclamation professional and the general public	Planning in Early 2018. Conference in late May.	NA, under contract	Funded through existing NPS grant.	NA	Completed in May 2018	
Idarado Community Update	Ouray	Provide the community an update on Newmont's progress to improve water quality in Red Mountain Creek.	Spring 2018	TBD	TBD, possibly a portion of the Telluride Foundation funds?		Completed in May 2018	
Support Ouray County Public Health in effort to sample domestic wells adjacent to Uncompahgre River.	Uncompahgre River from Ouray to Ridgway Reservoir	Characterize water quality in domestic wells. Arsenic is a potential concern given local geology.	TBD. Contact Elisabeth L, Ouray County Public Health	\$240 for Tanya's time, plus assistance from Judi and Gary.	TBD, possibly from discretionary funds.			
Ouray County Stream Management Planning	Uncompahgre River Watershed-Headwaters to confluence with Gunnison River	Provide representation for environmental and recreational water uses in the planning process, promote the development of a local water plan with recommended conservation and efficiencies; assist in creating a subdistrict organization in the basin	Declined on stream management plan funding grant by CWCB board in Jan 2018; submitted two other funding proposals to CWCB – WSRF and Colorado Water Plan – Gaps	In-kind time from Board members	TBD	Funded		
Atlas Mill SEP project	Atlas Mill Site adjacent to Sneffels Creek.	Consolidate contaminated materials, stabilize stream banks, improve drainage and riparian function. Decrease cadmium, lead, and zinc concentrations.	Determine UWP's role moving forward.					
			Support Forest Service project approval process.	TBD	DRMS, UWP	Need to identify project scope and funding source.		
			Project implementation (2019)	300K to 500K	SEP Funds, potentially NRD Funds	TBD. Summer 2018		