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*The Uncompahgre River is named by the Ute people, the watershed's early inhabitants. The staff and board of UWP recognize that the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed, where we do our work, is located on the Ute's ancestral lands, and we acknowledge their historic and contemporary connection to these resources.*

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To all who care about the Uncompahgre River Watershed:

Our watershed needs you – water quality is degraded by pollution from abandoned mine wastes, and periods of drought threaten our ranches and environment. **Please support the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership as we and our partners continue our hard work to address these issues.** We welcome you to join us in our mission to protect our watershed's critical natural, scenic, and economic values through monitoring, education and restoration.

This past year, thanks to donors such as yourself, we were able to co-host our wildly popular Educational Winter Snowshoe Tour, Fly Fishing Film Festival (which sold out), Riverfest in June (which had record sponsorships), and our San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference at the end of September. We also organized the Rollans Park "Adopt-A-Park" Cleanup, also in June and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Love Your Gorge" in September at Ouray Ice Park, where everyone worked at beautifying and maintaining the watershed around the Uncompahgre River Gorge!

In 2023, UWP will continue to implement these activities, projects and more:

- **Abandoned mine remediation** at the Terrible and Virginius Mines in Governor Basin above Ouray, and planning for future remediation efforts;
- **Monthly and project-specific water sampling** at more than 10 locations from streams at 10,000 feet to those on the Uncompahgre Valley floor;
- **Watershed education** at Ridgway RiverFest, water conservation talks, and tours, as well as in classrooms and school field trips;
- **Clean-ups and riparian restoration efforts** at Rollans Park, Ridgway State Park, and Ouray Ice Park;
- **Sustainable Recreation collaborations** that promote safer and more responsible river and lake recreation; and
- **Scientific support and advocating for local stakeholders** during public processes related to watershed resources.

**This next year, 2023, will be an important year for UWP and we need your financial support as much as ever!** Grants cover our major projects but cannot be used to cover many ongoing administrative expenses. Fundraising activities at community events help, but donations from individuals and businesses are critical.

**The future of our watershed depends on the generosity of caring community members like you. Please donate what you can during this year-end membership/fundraising drive.** In addition, your donation helps us continue valuable stewardship efforts like those specified in our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Please visit our website to take a look at it!

Your donations are tax deductible, and **contributions of \$100 or more also qualify for a 25% tax credit against your Colorado income taxes if received before January 1, 2023.**

And, **join or renew as a member** so you and your family can become part of the team working to protect and restore the Uncompahgre River.

**THANK YOU!**

**From the Board and Staff of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership**



"The time will soon be here when my grandchild will long for the cry of a loon, the flash of a salmon, the whisper of spruce needles, or the screech of an eagle.

"But he will not make friends with any of these creatures and when his heart aches with longing, he will curse me.

"Have I done all to keep the air fresh?

"Have I cared enough about the water?

"Have I left the eagle to soar in freedom?

"Have I done everything I could to earn my grandchild's fondness?"

— **Chief Dan George** of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation from British Columbia (1899 - 1981)

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UWP exists to help protect the natural, scenic, and economic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed.

**YES, I want to support the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and clean water for Ouray County!**

**Membership Level:** *(please circle level)*

**Individual \$35**

**Family \$55**

**Business \$100**

**I want to give more for a total donation of:**

\$100 \$250 \$500 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**The information below is what we have on file. Please make any necessary corrections or additions so we can update our records.**

**Name(s):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

*UWP does not share its email, address, or phone lists with any other person or entity.*

**My total contribution is \$100 or more AND I would like to receive a 25% Colorado State Income Tax credit.**

The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number or Tax ID are: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Payment Method:** *(please circle your preference)*

**I've enclosed a check payable to UWP.**

**I will donate by credit card at:**

<http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/membership/>

**Please contact me about volunteer opportunities with UWP \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I'm interested in learning more about serving on the UWP Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_.**