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Hello, Fellow Watershed Conservationist!

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.** This year we celebrated our 10th Anniversary as a nonprofit organization! 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 gathered community members for several field trips to learn about watershed ecology, restoration and preservation. We gave educational presentations around the Uncompahgre River Valley, and organized volunteer events to pick up litter and remove noxious weeds. We also held our most successful Ridgway RiverFest watershed celebration yet.

In 2024, UWP will continue to implement those activities, plus our projects will include:

- **Abandoned mine site restoration** planning and monitoring in Governor Basin,
- **South Ouray Erosion Control Project** design,
- **Monthly and project-specific water sampling** at more than 11 locations around Ouray County, and
- **Scientific support and advocating for local stakeholders** during public processes related to watershed resources.

This next year, 2024, 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. Your donation helps us continue valuable stewardship efforts like those specified in our new 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. Please visit our website to look at it!

Your donations are tax deductible, and **contributions of \$250 or more for our watershed restoration projects in recreational areas may also qualify for a 25% tax credit against your Colorado income taxes.**

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



“Rivers are highly diverse and productive ecosystems, contributing to economic growth, food security and human well-being. ...Most of the oldest cities in the world developed around rivers which allow the transport of goods and people; support fisheries and agriculture; and provide recreational, tourism, mental health, and cultural benefits.”

– **United Nations, Sept. 2022**

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

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.

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: \$ _____.

Please fill out the below information:

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 \$250 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 _____.