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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

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 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 this year on June 29<sup>th</sup>!

In 2025, UWP will continue with those activities, plus projects including:

- **Abandoned mine site restoration** planning and collaboration in Governor Basin,
- **South Ouray Erosion Control Project** design and implementation to stabilize areas within the recreation areas of the City of Ouray,
- **Monthly and project-specific water sampling** at up to 15 locations seasonally around Ouray County,
- Ongoing communication with partners about **the preservation and restoration of the Ironton wetlands and fens**, and
- **Scientific support and advocating for local stakeholders** during public processes related to watershed resources.

**This next year, 2025, 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 Fall 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** on 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. **As a token of our gratitude for your support, please accept our lovely new UWP sticker, designed by our own Board Secretary Taylor Poynor!**

**THANK YOU!**

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



*“Rivers provide important benefits—called ecosystem services—that impact our day-to-day lives. They provide drinking water, irrigation, transportation, and more. As homes for fish, plants, and wildlife, rivers are essential for the survival of many species—including our own.”*

– National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin.

UWP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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

UWP leverages donations by applying for multiple grants, and coordinating thousands of hours of volunteer service annually.

*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 a healthy watershed in Ouray County!**

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

**Individual \$40    Family \$75    Business \$100**

**I want to give more for a total donation of:** *(please circle one)*

\$50    \$100    \$150    \$200    \$250    \$500    Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR: Please set up a recurring monthly donation\* of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **per month** *(please fill in amount)*

*\*Recurring donations of \$5 or more per month help UWP sustain fundraising and activities year round. (\$8/month is only \$2/week for you but adds up to \$96/year for us; \$15/month is only 50 cents/day but adds up to \$180/year; \$30/month=\$1/day and \$360/year)*

**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 contribution is \$250 or more AND I would like to receive a 25% Colorado State Income Tax Credit certificate. **The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number or Tax ID is:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 volunteering with UWP** \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*Please feel free to email Tanya at [tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org](mailto:tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org) with questions and ideas.*