



Would You Like to Join our Watershed Work? Please Consider Service on the Board of Directors of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP). Here's some info about us and how you could contribute.

Founding, Mission & Vision

Since incorporation as a nonprofit in 2013, UWP has existed to help protect the natural, scenic, and economic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed, from its headwaters to the northern Ouray county line. Our vision is a healthy watershed, restored from past damages and adaptable to changing conditions, with a knowledgeable community dedicated to watershed protection and conservation.

UWP Objectives & Activities

Projects are guided by a comprehensive strategic plan, updated by the board of directors—with stakeholder input—every three to five years.

Objective #1 Improve understanding of watershed health and evaluate changes. Projects include: Colorado River Watch water quality sampling and specific project-related monitoring such as sediment sampling in the Uncompahgre River in the City of Ouray

Objective #2 Preserve and restore ecosystem function, water quality, and water quantity. Projects include: Ongoing technical review and responses, cleanups and riparian restoration volunteer events, South Ouray Erosion Control Project, development of mine reclamation projects, Ridgway river corridor projects, and Iron-ton wetland restoration.

Objective #3 Ensure ongoing stewardship of the watershed and its many uses. Projects include: Rocky Mountain Mining & Reclamation Conference, education programs and field trips in the community and schools, and Ridgway RiverFest

Objective #4 Sustain the organization with a diverse, active board and ample funding. Work includes administration, financial management, communications, fundraising, and stakeholder engagement.

Funding

UWP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, supported by fundraising events, grants and donations from local, state and federal governments, individuals, businesses, and other nonprofits. UWP's primary funders include Telluride Foundation; Colo. Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety; Colo. Water Conservation Board; Colo. Department of Public Health and Environment; Town of Ridgway; City of Ouray; Ouray County; Kissinger Foundation; and BeP Earthwise Foundation.

Board of Directors

UWP is guided by a Board of seven to eleven directors, four officers, bylaws, and other operating documents. Directors must be adults with a demonstrated interest in issues that affect the Upper Uncompahgre Watershed. Board directors include area residents, landowners, permit holders, public land managers, recreational users, and other stakeholders – many with technical/scientific expertise and experience that contribute added value towards UWP's mission, activities, and objectives. Three-year terms are staggered to ensure continuity of leadership. Directors generally serve at least two terms. The Board generally meets bimonthly from 4 to 6 pm on the second Thursday of even months (Feb, April, June, etc.). Board directors typically volunteer four to six hours per month including meetings and other activities. One to three times a year, directors are expected to help out an extra four to six hours in a month for special events such as RiverFest.

Applicants must complete a short questionnaire regarding interest in serving on the board (see back of this page).



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BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in joining the Board of Directors of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP)! We strive to maintain a Board with diverse skills, expertise, experience and backgrounds. The skills and experience we currently need are:

Please use as much space as you would like when completing this application.

Your Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

- 1) Please let us know why you would like to be considered for the UWP Board of Directors:

- 2) Please describe any personal, professional and volunteer experience and/or skill which you believe would help UWP achieve its goals:

Personal:

Professional:

Volunteer:
- 3) Would you generally be able to attend monthly Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month and committee meetings as needed?

- 4) Would you be able to volunteer for some of our fundraising and educational events, such as RiverFest in late June, San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference, other sponsored educational and recreational events?

- 5) Please describe any other considerations that you feel we should take into account:

Thank you for your interest!