

UWP's 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 exists to help protect and restore the natural, scenic, and economic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed, from its headwaters to the northern Ouray county line.

UWP's Values

- educating, engaging, and fostering environmental stewardship
- using a science-based approach
- acknowledging natural challenges in the watershed
- ensuring that projects are feasible, adaptive, and sustainable
- leveraging partnerships with collaborators
- appreciating the needs and values of diverse water users

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Greetings!

We hope you have found ample time to enjoy experiences along the Uncompahgre River and its tributaries this year.

2026 was a really difficult year for Ouray County residents, businesses, and nonprofits including the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP). **The wildfire and flooding that followed record-breaking drought strained the Uncompahgre watershed, creating conditions that will take years to heal.**

UWP is committed to conserving and improving watershed health during bad times and good, but we are challenged by the breadth and depth of watershed needs. *We need your financial support to continue our efforts* to evaluate watershed conditions, identify and plan restoration and conservation projects, and promote watershed stewardship through developing partnerships and creating public awareness.

Meanwhile, many UWP projects have overcome obstacles that caused delays, and are being implemented in 2026 to 2027 at Ironton, the Uncompahgre Gorge, abandoned mine sites, and other key locations. While we have grants to cover most project costs, we are spending previously raised donations and event proceeds on matching fund requirements. Plus, our small staff is kept busy with these projects so we need additional contractors to support other valuable programs and activities.

UWP's experienced scientific and administrative staff and volunteers plan to assist in securing state, federal and private funding for restoration of the Gold Mountain Wildfire areas. This work is crucial for avoiding additional damage from burned areas and reducing future wildfire dangers. However, to provide this assistance, we need to spend money on communications and planning with partners, project pre-design, and grant writing. *Your donations are critical for this work to happen.*

This fall/year-end fundraising drive is the main time of year when we ask the community to donate, outside of RiverFest sponsorships. Our goal is to raise \$36,000 from individual, family and business donations and memberships between October and December.

The future of our watershed depends on people like you who find it within their budgets to contribute to UWP. Please donate what you can. We realize 2026 has been a tough year for so many, so we understand if each contribution is smaller. But, *our positive impact will rely on more donations from more people in our growing communities.* We promise to continue leveraging your dollars by securing more grants from private and public organizations.

We will be grateful for your new or renewed membership and donations. Your generosity will help us to improve the area's quality of life through a healthier, more stable Uncompahgre River Watershed.

THANK YOU!

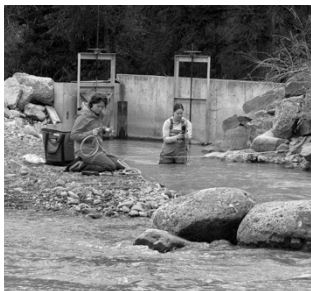
From the Board and Staff of the

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership



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

Enterprise Zone tax credits are also available for those who qualify.



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 \$120 \$200 \$400 \$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; \$40/month=\$10/week or \$480/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):

Phone:

Email:

UWP does not share your email, mailing address, or phone number 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 check your preference)*

_____ **I've enclosed a check payable to UWP** *(so UWP pays no fees).*

_____ **I will donate by credit card with my mobile phone by using the QR code in the left margin, or by going to UWP's website:**
<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 with questions and ideas.

