

## Reach Meeting Report

### Summary of Phase III Interests from each Reach

#### Summary

Kari Brennan and Elizabeth Chandler met with PAC Members and Community Members in each reach. The meetings were well attended. The same goals for outcomes were used for each meeting: To determine the priority interests of that reach for Phase III of the Water Initiative. The top two for each reach will be listed.

#### Summary Table of Reach Interests for Phase III Scope of Work

Top Interest	Second Interest
Upland Vegetation Management (2 reaches)*	Upland Vegetation Management*
Expansion of Lake Avery	Drought contingency planning
Hydrology Study	Inventory/Renovation of Stock ponds
Piceance Creek water storage	#

\*Upland Vegetation Management is used as a collective term for forest management, BLM lands and private lands.

#Piceance Creek third interest is Upland Vegetation Management

#### Upper White River

Presentations were made by:

- Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and CPW on the status of Lake Avery.
- USFS and CSFS on forest management goals, limitations, and obstacles to achieving the goals

Discussion was opened for public comments and introduction of new areas of interest.

Primary interests moving forward in order:

- Lake Avery Expansion
- Forest Management

Next steps:

Lake Avery

- CPW needs to approve the expansion of Lake Avery. First to the Director and then the Wildlife Commission.
- Grant funding needs to be obtained
- As currently constructed, the dam is rated as a “High Hazard Dam” due to the houses below the dam. There needs to be an evaluation of the dam rating if the height of the dam is raised.

Forest Management

- Community meetings and discussions with local stakeholders conducted by the USFS
- Increase Staffing at the Blanco District

- Areas of priority determined, permitting, contracting, on the ground work

### **Middle White River**

Presentations were made by:

- USFS
- Hunter Causey, Chief Engineer- Colorado River Water Conservation District

Discussion was opened for public comments and introduction of new areas of interest.

Primary interests moving forward: Voting Tie

- Hydrology and Forest Management

### **Lower White River**

Presentation was made by Mario Sullivan on Infiltration Galleries

Discussion was opened for public comments and introduction of new areas of interest.

Primary interests moving forward:

- Upland vegetation management – designation to include all lands upland of water sources.
- Stock Pond Renovation/Inventory

### **Piceance Creek**

Presentations were made by David Bowers and Walt Proctor on water storage

Discussion was opened for public comments and introduction of new areas of interest.

Primary Interests moving forward:

- Water Storage
- Drought Contingency Planning – soil health, crop selection

Next Steps:

- The energy industry holds significant water rights on Piceance Creek and its tributaries.
  - It will be essential for them to share a mutual interest in creating storage opportunities
- Piceance Creek water users will need to agree on an entity or organizational model that would be responsible for maintaining storage infrastructure in the future.