

White River Integrated Water Initiative

Mission Statement:

Community-based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant agricultural community and maintains healthy fisheries while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights.

Overall River Goals for Current and Future Generations

1. Protect and preserve existing water rights and other beneficial water uses
2. Protect and enhance water quantity and quality through promoting best management practices for:
 - a. Forest health
 - b. Riparian health
 - c. Rangeland health
 - d. Favorable conditions of streamflow
3. Identify opportunities for creation or improvement of infrastructure to support efficient consumptive and non-consumptive uses.
4. Support the development and maintenance of efficient and necessary long-term storage solutions that will improve, enhance and ensure irrigation, river health, water quantity, water quality, and native and recreational fisheries.

Approved Reaches

- Upper Reach = Headwaters to Miller Creek Ditch diversion
- Middle Reach = Miller Creek ditch diversion to West of Powell park
- Lower Reach = West of Powell Park to State Line
- Piceance Creek

Future Projects:

Apply for funding to hire a contractor to compare the Division of Water Resources database to identify the gaps then overlap with the abandonment list in order to protect water rights.