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The White River Integrated Water Initiative (Initiative) Update

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts (Districts) are coordinating the locally led effort to protect the present and future health of the White River while ensuring respect for local customs cultures, property rights, and water uses. The White River Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) was developed to ensure representation of all stakeholders within the White River Basin and to help the District Boards guide this process. With grant funding, the Districts are hiring a contractor to provide coordination and facilitation of this process.

- The Coordinator position is primarily responsible for coordination and facilitation of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, maintaining communication between local stakeholders and the PAC, and drafting the Phase 3 Plan of Work. Local stakeholders include water right holders, agriculture producers, municipalities, industry, recreation, environment, community members, and State and federal government representatives. See below for link to more information. The position will be open until filled.
- Riparian Health and Diversion Structure Assessment Teams are developing specific evaluation protocols that will be used by local experts, including landowners. The goal is to establish a baseline and identify potential opportunities for improving structures that will provide benefit to water right users, landowners, and overall health of the river. All activities will be on a voluntary basis and in coordination with respective landowners. If you divert water from the White River or Piceance Creek and you are interested in participating in these efforts, please contact the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts' (Districts) office.

For more information on the White River Initiative and/or to view the full job announcement, please see www.whiterivercd.com/white-river-integrated-water-initiative or scan the below Zapcode. You are always welcome to call the Districts' office at 970-878-9838.