

Dolores River Dialogue

Framework Proposal Outline for Considering Actions to Improve the Downstream Environment

Names of Person(s) Developing this Proposal: _____

Main Contact Person's Phone Number, Cell and Email: _____

Date: _____

Please complete a proposal that addresses the questions below. Please be concise and attach any maps, hydrographs or supporting documentation. The process by which the proposal will be evaluated by the DRD-Steering Committee and the full DRD is on the Web site or available by request, and should be reviewed before starting.

Overview of the Proposal

- What is the specific proposal and how would it be implemented? Details and/or brief examples are helpful.
- What is the geographic area of focus including which DRD reach or reaches that would be involved?
- Who are the partners involved? Please describe their roles and responsibilities. Do you propose a role(s) for the DRD? If so, please be specific.
- What is a proposed timeline for implementing this proposal?
- If implemented, how would "success" be defined and monitored?
- Why do you believe this proposal is "do-able"?
- Are there communication plans or agreements that need to be in place among key entities to make this proposal work? If so, please describe.

Costs

- How much would this proposal cost (please provide a basis for the estimate)?
- What source(s) of funding are proposed?
- Would you be requesting any money or resources from the DRD?

Ecology and Science

- Please describe the anticipated ecological benefits (note: these might be from comparable situations elsewhere). Please be specific about any anticipated outcomes for: native fish, trout, riparian health, river mechanics and/or other.
- Please describe any key technical or scientific assumptions you are making including an overview of scientific information relating to the proposal.
- Are there any anticipated unintended or negative ecological consequences or costs?

Economic and Social

- What are the anticipated economic and/or social benefits and outcomes?

Hydrology

- Would the proposal affect water supplies in the reservoir and water rights in the Dolores drainage? If so, describe.
- Would the proposal affect operations of McPhee Dam? If so, describe.
- Would the proposal affect the hydrology downstream of the reservoir? If so, describe.

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Sideboard/Constraints

- What are the current sideboards (i.e., constraints) and/or challenges that would need to be addressed (e.g., operational, contractual, legal, political, or other)?

Other Questions

- Are there additional questions that need to be answered to “flesh out” this proposal?
- What is not known at the current time? Can it be known?
- Is there anything else you would like to share?

Dolores River Dialogue Purpose Statement (Revised 11/09)

The DRD is a coalition of diverse interests, whose purpose is to explore management opportunities, build support for and take action to improve the ecological conditions downstream of McPhee Reservoir while honoring water rights, protecting agricultural and municipal water supplies, and the continued enjoyment of rafting and fishing.

There is no deadline for submitting proposals through the DRD. When completed, please submit eight copies of this proposal and any attachments to the Dolores River Dialogue - Steering Committee through the facilitator, Marsha Porter-Norton: porternorton@animas.net - 970-247-8306. The process by which the proposal will be evaluated by the DRD-Steering Committee and the full DRD is on the Web site or available by request.