



August 21, 2014

Dear Water Resources Review Committee,

Roaring Fork Conservancy would like to submit the following comments to the Committee regarding the Colorado Water Plan.

Roaring Fork Conservancy (RFC) is the watershed action and education organization for the Roaring Fork Valley. We have participated in the Basin Implementation Plan since its inception, through the Colorado Basin Roundtable.

In addition, RFC has conducted extensive outreach to inform the public and solicit comments regarding the State Water Plan, including over 300 comments from Roaring Fork Valley middle and high school students.

We believe the non-consumptive use of water on the Western Slope is essential to the ecological health and economic vitality of our state. Current transbasin diversions already impact these flows. As an organization based on the use of sound science, we believe further diversions could result in a significant decline in river health.

Roaring Fork Conservancy recommends that state legislators promote agricultural efficiencies allowing Colorado to maintain its longstanding agricultural heritage and commitment to our states rivers.

Finally, we believe there is a strong need increase water conservation statewide so that we can do more with less.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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