

Colorado Water Restoration Program

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The Program objective is to provide funding for watershed restoration studies and projects. Special consideration is given to projects that reduce flood hazards, protect infrastructure, stabilize post-fire watersheds, and increase benefits for water supply. Past projects successfully completed with aid from the Construction Fund include post-fire channel stabilization on Trail Creek in the Hayman burn area, channel stabilization and restoration on the North Fork Gunnison River in Paonia, and channel design planning on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Program funding has also been used in conjunction with funding from the Water

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Project Cost:	Up	to	50%			Share
NRI Funding Requ	est:			\$1	,500	0,000
Funding Source:	Se	eve.	ran	ce T	Гах	Fund
Project Type:	Wate	ersh	ned	Res	tor	ation
Type of Grantee:		Sta	te (Gov	ern	ment

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Benefi	ts:					State	wide			
Water	Water Source:				Various					
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Quality Control Division to develop a Measureable Results Program (MRP). Studies and projects resulting from this program can have far reaching benefits for water supply, flood protection, forest restoration (including post-fire), enhancement of aesthetic and environmental quality, recreation, and increased economic benefit. The CWCB has not had access to a regular and reliable source of funding for this Program in past years. Instead, special allocations on an annual basis from Severance Tax and Construction Fund investments have provided support for the Program. The Program has funded 36 projects since the first grant cycle in January 2009. Total project funding exceeds \$1,300,000. The projects have leveraged \$5.5 for every \$1 contributed by the Program. Twenty-three of the thirty-two projects funded have been mapped with focus areas identified in the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment. The Program is intended for statewide benefit. For an example of the geographic spread of the projects, the map below displays projects funded from 2009-2012.

