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| Project ID: | 2022 - IWMP - 1 |
| Project Description: | Build support for IWMP recommendations through coordination, collaboration, partnerships, communication & leadership for agriculture |
| Reason for Project: | Begin to establish -- and seek sustainable funding to help maintain -- an organized, coordinated network among Ag-related organizations/groups/individuals related to water issues in the Basin. Seek short-term consultant support to facilitate meetings and help shape the goals/outcomes/structure to help inform funding application. Outcomes include regular communication/meetings, coordination, improved collaboration and increased multi-beneficial project identification and partnership opportunities. CAA can coordinate initial meetings and provide leadership. Moffat County partners/leadership needs to be identified to ensure a Basin-wide focus. Depending on interest, capacity and skill sets, staff position(s) could be combined with the recommendation immediately below. In addition, this effort will help inform implementation of several other recommendations |
| Project Status: | CAA has hired a contractor to conduct outreach in the middle Yampa Basin to initiate and shepherd ag infrastructure and stewardship projects to completion. The contractor who is currently doing outreach to landowners (39 miles stretch from Hayden to Craig) is Sally Cariveau. This project is working a smaller piece of a larger Yampa River Stewardship Project, along with YVSC. |
| Lead Proponent: | CAA |
| Lead Contact: | CAA |
| Partners: | County Extensions, Conservation Districts, NRCS, CCA, CCALT |
| Estimate Cost: | \$ 10,000 (\$30,000) |
| Water District | Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District and Colorado River Water Conservancy District (Colorado River District). Current efforts |
| Project Key Words: | Ag Infrastructure |
| Estimate Yield: | Unknown |
| Water Right Needed: | No |
| Latitude/Longitude: | Hayden to Craig |
| Funding Sources: | CWCB, Yampa River Fund, Private Funders, Partnering Organizations. Yampa River Fund has granted \$25K for this project. |
| Schedule: | 0 to 1 years |
| BP Obj. Addressed | Protect and encourage agriculture uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights |

Needs & Next Steps Current CAA staff can provide coordination for initial meetings, and funding for short term consultant to facilitate process and determine ongoing structure has been secured. Long term, sustainable funding will be needed for staffing to support ongoing work

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