

June 28, 2022

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RE: Phippsburg Water Treatment and Distribution System Community Funding Partnership grant application

Ms. Moyer,

The Routt County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Community of Phippsburg Water Treatment and Distribution System application to the Community Partnership Program for funding assistance.

Because the Upper Yampa River has been deemed over-appropriated, public water systems that rely on the operation of relatively junior water rights require an augmentation plan to avoid curtailment when a senior downstream call is in effect. In order to fulfill this requirement consulting services are needed for analysis, application and enrollment in the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYCD) Augmentation Plan.

The Colorado River Water Conservation District's financial support and successful enrolment with UYCD would bring the Phippsburg System into compliance with new requirements and help ensure a continuous long-term domestic water supply for the community. An augmentation plan would also benefit agriculture, aquatic life, wildlife habitat, and recreational uses during low flows.

Thank you for your consideration and for providing assistance for multi-purpose water projects on the Western Slope.

Sincerely,
Routt County Board of County Commissioners