

Routt County commissioners

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Colorado River District
Community Funding Partnership
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To Whom It May Concern:

The County Commissioners of Routt County are in support of the Bear River Reservoir Company's grant application to the CRD's Community Funding Partnership. The specific purpose of their application is to secure funds to identify construction costs for seepage mitigation and to make upgrades to the operating system and outlet tunnel at Stillwater Reservoir #1.

Stillwater Reservoir #1 provides stored water for irrigation and municipal supplies for the Town of Yampa in a water-short stretch of the upper Yampa River system. The benefits of their reservoir releases include providing essential water for agricultural irrigation, ensuring emergency municipal water for the Town of Yampa, enhancing flows along the Bear River, extending the timing of flows in the River beyond the natural hydrographic curve, and affording recharge of springs and riparian areas along irrigation return flow channels.

In addition, Stillwater Reservoir #1 is a heavily used recreation destination in southern Routt County on the Routt National Forest. Both the reservoir itself and the river corridor that it supports provide innumerable opportunities for recreation activities in our county.

For these reasons, the Routt County Board of County Commissioners is in support of the Bear River Reservoir Company's grant proposal.
