

Upper Gunnison Watershed Management Planning

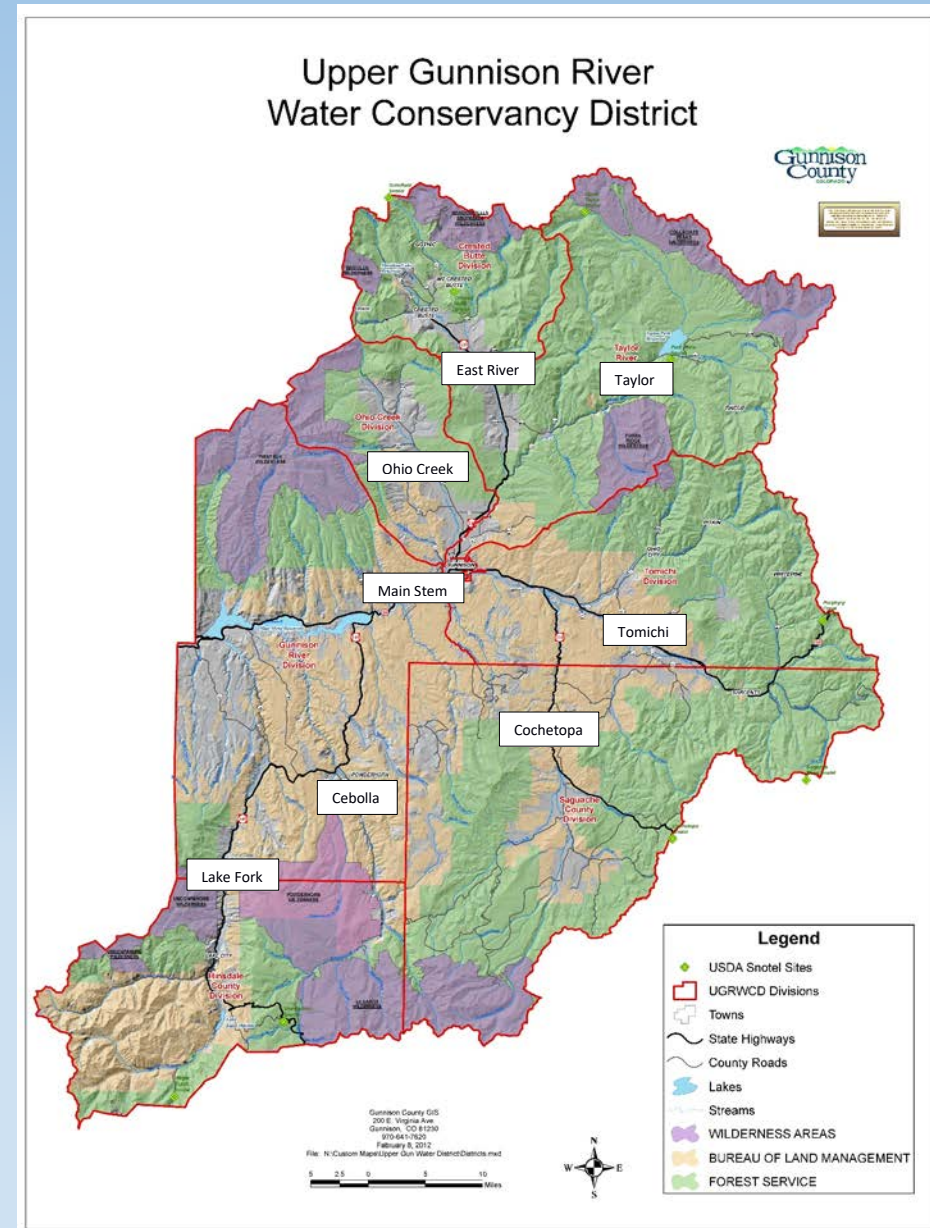
Purpose and Process

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Mission

Protect existing water uses and watershed health in the Upper Gunnison Basin in the face of pressure from increased water demands and permanent reductions in water supply



Objectives

Better understand our water resources. Quantify existing water uses and needs while identifying future needs.

Identify solutions. Develop options with community input to sustain existing uses, maintain healthy stream ecosystems, and manage shortages.



Benefits

PLANNING

- Better understanding of water availability gaps and needs for diverse water uses
- Collaborative, community-driven solutions
- Access funding for implementation

PROJECTS

- High functioning riparian areas and productive hay meadows
- Healthy stream ecosystems and fisheries
- Sustainable recreation and municipalities

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Community participation is at the core of the planning process

Open discussions inform the assessment process

- Identify issues
- Verify information

Developing and selecting options to create plan

- Community identified solutions
- What works for diverse uses?

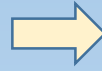
Implementation

- Voluntary implementation of identified



What does this process look like?

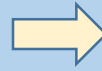
Assessment



- Summarize data, address gaps
- Community input on needs and to verify information



Develop Options



Use assessments, demonstrations, and stakeholder input to identify potential projects to address needs



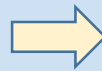
Management Plan



Stakeholder feedback is used to identify and prioritize projects that work for our community



Implement!



Voluntary implementation



Demonstration Projects





Sub-basin Timeline

Sub-Basin	Phase	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ohio Creek	I					
East River	I					
Lake Fork	I					
Cebolla	II					
Tomichi	II					
Cochetopa	II					
Taylor	III					
Main Stem	III					
Basin Plan	IV					

We need your input-

- Attend a meeting. Planning meetings are open to everyone!
- Fill out a questionnaire
- Have coffee with your sub-basin coordinator, UGRWCD Manager or UGRWCD board member
- Join us for other group meetings and educational events