



Desert Rivers Collaborative
Spring 2022 Meeting
April 27, 2022 10:00-12:00
Timberline Bank Community
Room



Objectives:

- Provide updates on DRC coordination, projects, and partnership status
- Outline steps needed to update DRC MOU and Restoration Plan
- Establish a timeline for future DRC meetings

10:00 Welcome, John introduction, Agenda (John, REW)

10:10 Attendee introductions

10:25 DRC background and current status

- DRC history (John, REW)
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife and DRC (Pete, CPW)
- Recent projects (John, REW)
- DRC Memorandum of Understanding and Restoration Plan (John, REW)

10:55 Related and complementary initiatives

- Two Rivers Wildlife Coalition (Ellis, TRWC)
- River Corridor Initiative (Rusty, REW)

11:15 Outline next steps for MOU and Restoration Plan

- Who is missing from this conversation?
- Verify or update the role of your entity in the MOU
- Interest in being part of an MOU working group
- Other initial comments/suggestions for new MOU
- Preference for meeting frequency

11:35 Grand Valley Volunteer Resources and Opportunities (Cara, REW)

11:40 Additional partner updates or announcements

12:00 Adjourn



DRC Background



- Formed 2012
- Colorado and Gunnison Rivers
- Mesa and Delta counties
- Ecological, Social, Economic, and Management Goals



DRC Background



- MOU (25 entities)
- Restoration Plan
- 800 acres tamarisk and Russian olive treatment
- 800 acres retreatment
- 270 acres active revegetation
- 1,000+ acres secondary weeds treated



CPW

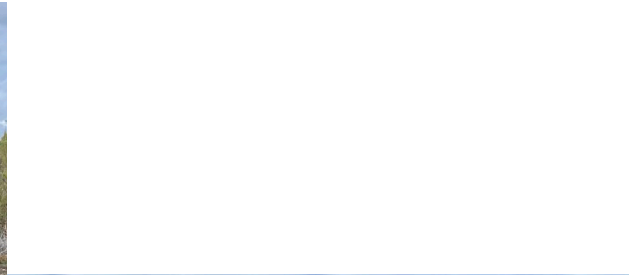


Riverbend Park





Walter Walker SWA





Monitoring Interns



See the Storymap here: <https://arcg.is/0jP9br>



MOU and Restoration Plan

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Implementation Plan 2015-2020

*Guidelines for Riparian Restoration along the Colorado and Gunnison
Rivers in Mesa and Delta Counties*



Colorado River, Photo compliments of Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

To:

Protect, restore, and maintain native river corridor habitat in Mesa & Delta counties through the development of community partnerships

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by the following parties:

City of Fruita, City of Grand Junction, Clifton Sanitation District, Colorado Canyons Association, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Colorado Riverfront Commission (CRC), Colorado State University Extension (CSU Extension), Delta County, Grand Valley Audubon Society (GVAS), Mesa County, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), River Restoration Adventures for Tomorrow (RRAFT), Southwest Chapter River Management Society, Tamarisk Coalition (TC), Town of Palisade, US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Water Center at Colorado Mesa University, Western Colorado Conservation Corps (WCCC), Western Colorado Landscape Collaborative (WCLC), Western Colorado Wildlife Habitat Association (WCWHA), Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC), and other interested parties.



Two Rivers
Wildfire
Coalition

GRAND VALLEY RIVER CORRIDOR INITIATIVE



<https://www.tworiverswildfirecoalition.org/>

<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/water-center/grand-valley-river-corridor-initiative.html>

https://www.coloradomesa.edu/water-center/documents/grand_valley_river_corridor_initiative-overview.pdf



MOU

- Who is missing?
- Any initial comments or suggestions for the MOU?
- Interest in being part of an MOU working group?





DRC Meetings

- Meeting schedule
- Other interests?
 - Workshop?
 - Site visit?





UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Links:

DRC Memorandum of Understanding:

https://riversedgewest.org/sites/default/files/files/2017_01_11_MASTER_DRC_MOU.pdf

DRC Restoration Plan:

https://riversedgewest.org/sites/default/files/files/2015_06_03_DRC_Plan_Final_V1.pdf

River Corridor Initiative:

<https://www.riversedgewest.org/services/grand-valley-river-corridor-initiative>

Two Rivers Wildfire Coalition:

<https://www.tworiverswildfirecoalition.org/>





