

SOUTH FORK REPUBLICAN RESTORATION COALITION

October 22, 2018

Dear Valued Partner,

You may have heard about some activity buzzing around the South Fork of the Republican River. This letter is to invite you to participate in one or both of two public meetings being held in November to hear about our project and share your opinions. The first meeting will be on November 8 at the Burlington Community Center at 340 S. 14th Street in Burlington. The other one will be on November 14 at The Grainery at 26681 US-36 in Idalia. Both meetings are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

This is not just about compact compliance, this is not about the voluntary retirement of irrigated acres in the South Fork Focus Zone, and this is not about refilling Bonny Reservoir. It's about how we could work together to make improvements such as restoring streamflow on the South Fork Republican, and creating a more natural system with recreational opportunities that will benefit the region.

Several entities formed a group called the South Fork Republican Restoration Coalition (SFRRRC) and received a \$99,000.00 grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to develop an improvement plan for the stretch of the river from Flagler to the state line, with a focus area consisting of the river reach from a few miles west of Highway 385 to Bonny Dam. Coalition members include Three Rivers Alliance, Yuma and Kit Carson Counties, the Republican River Water Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Nature Conservancy is also contributing significant funding to this phase of our project.

We met with those who own property along this stretch of the river in Idalia in August. Now we want to meet with stakeholders like you and the general public to discuss the South Fork and how we can work together to improve the area for all of us. Please call the RRWCD at 970-332-3552 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Robin Wiley
Yuma Co. Commissioner

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RRWCD Pres.

Dave Hornung
Kit Carson Co. Commissioner