

September 22, 2023

Mr. Derek Duran, Mayor
City of Craig
300 W. Fourth Street
Craig, CO 81625

Re: Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table Up-coming Vacancy for Moffat County Municipality Representative

My five-year term representing Moffat County Municipalities on the Yampa White Green Basin Round Table is expiring this November, I would like to continue in that role. I believe that I have done a good job of representing the City of Craig for the last eight years and have developed many relationships that I believe will prove to be valuable if given another term.

If you wish to reappoint me for the position, please write a letter stating that you wish for me to represent the City of Craig and email it to admin@yampawhitegreen.com before our next roundtable meeting on November 8, 2023.

Throughout my career, I have worked both at Trapper Mining Inc. (Engineering and Business Development Manager) and Colowyo Coal Company (Technical Services and Lands Manager) so I am very familiar with the Industrial Use Application side of what these river systems mean for continued Power and Mining use.

As a resident of NW Colorado for over 40 years, I have spent a great deal of time recreating on these river systems as well as on and alongside the lakes and streams that feed them. I have white water rafted both the Yampa and the Green Rivers, have boated on reservoirs that feed all three of these river systems. I have fished all of these rivers and many of the streams that make up the tributaries to these rivers, and enjoyed the big game and waterfowl hunting opportunities that these valuable water resources provide.

I have managed grazing lessors and water rights along the Yampa River and its tributaries, and understand the consequences and obligations of water rights, and how valuable they are to the agricultural (grazing and irrigating) community.

I have been involved in many Federal, State and County Land Actions over the past 20 years as a member of the Moffat County Land Use Board, and more recently as a member of the board for Colorado First Conservation District. I consider myself having a good working knowledge of federal, state and county rules and regulations and I try to keep abreast of current activities, even in these fast-paced and rapidly growing areas of development.

I am an engineer by profession so analyzing multiple options, with many inputs and outputs, is what I do for a living, and certainly I would bring that knowledge of analysis to the YWG Round

Table if selected. I have analyzed the impacts of many governmental actions, utilizing both social and financial costs as a basis for comparison.

My primary focus for applying for a position on the YWG Basin Round Table at this time is that I know the importance that these rivers have to the local community from an Agricultural, Industrial and Recreational standpoint and I am very interested in making sure that all these interests are well represented and that good sound decisions are made.

I am currently the Yampa River Vice-Chair, chairman of the YWG BRT Grants Sub-committee, member of the Public Education, Participation & Outreach Sub-committee, and a member of the Big River Committee.

The very future of these river systems, and likewise those that live along their banks may depend upon the decisions made in the next few years. I would very much like to be a part of that process and would be honored to be appointed to your current vacancy on the Yampa White Green Basin Round Table.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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