

# POUDRE RUNS THROUGH IT STUDY/ACTION WORK GROUP

## Steering Committee's Next Steps Proposal

### To be considered by the Work Group May 3, 2013

#### CONTINUATION OF WORK GROUP AFTER MAY 3

- Will pause as a group at June 1
- Will let folks off the bus at June 1 who want/need to get off
- Will consider on May 3 whether to invite anyone new to join us going forward and if so via what procedure
- Will meet for ½ day meetings either quarterly or every two months through more or less June 1, 2014 depending on what evolves
- The first of these meetings will be in August, 2013.
- The half day meetings will be for the purpose of:
  - Hearing from the subgroups and offering input and feedback for them
  - Educating each other about anything new we've heard about relative to the river
  - Inviting those involved/interested in the Poudre to educate us further (e.g. Poudre Heritage Alliance)
  - Seeing how things evolve and making plans for what comes next
  - Entertaining additional initiatives
  - Assisting with planning for the Poudre Forum or PowWow

#### SUBGROUP INITIATIVES

- We will verify on May 3 that we have the backing of the Work Group for the initiatives that have been (or will be on May 3) championed by subgroups. The initiatives that have thus far been identified are:
  - Ag/Urban/Environmental Cooperation for Improved Flows through Fort Collins
  - Long Term Funding and Organization for Working River/Healthy River
  - Cooperation with Thornton—an avenue for conversation leading to mutual benefit strategies
  - Poudre River Forum or PowWow--an annual one day event bringing together various individuals and entities involved in the Poudre to seek collaborative approaches for promoting a healthy working river
  - Gauge the River--an educational tool to help the public grasp the fluctuations of flow on the Poudre
  
- We will define the initiatives being investigated by the identified subgroups by saying: "We developed several ideas for initiatives, some of which we decided deserve further expansion and pursuit now—perhaps others later. Smaller subgroups will pursue and periodically report on their progress to the larger group."

- If others, including any of the organizations we work with, choose to take on any of the ideas brought forth out of our Work Group process, they should represent the project as independent from the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action work group. The ideas we came up with do not belong to us and we have no authority, but if something is to be pursued under our name, we would want to have some control, to assure that it goes forward in a manner consistent with our “working river/healthy river” goals.

#### DRAFT PROGRESS REPORT

- For the May 3 meeting, we will have a draft report or statement of our vision. It will tell who we are, what we are doing, and describe the initiatives we have thus far identified that are being investigated by subgroups. It will include an appendix that shows the other ideas we have generated but that have not yet surfaced for subgroup action. Our audience for this report will be the general public as well as regional leaders. It will be available on our website and likely distributed at some of the events discussed below.

#### SUMMER COMMUNITY LEADERS LUNCHEON

- Ray Caraway and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado have agreed to host an informal luncheon this summer, to which a few key leaders from the communities of Fort Collins, Greeley, and Windsor would be invited. Work Group members will have an informal dialogue sharing with these leaders what we have accomplished and what we are planning going forward.

#### JANUARY COMMUNITY ROLL OUT AS PART OF THE POUFRE RIVER POW-WOW OR FORUM.

- Because we do not feel we are ready for a June 1 community rollout, we will wait to do that in conjunction with the first Poudre River Forum or PowWow.