

## Lower Reach Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>, Rangely, CO

### In Attendance

Xanne Roley	Kelby Bell	Wade Cox	Ron Reich
Mario Sullivan	Stu Massey	Scott Robertson	Vincent Wilczek
Jennifer O’Hearon	Deirdre Macnab	Callie Hendrickson	Kari Brennan

### Outcomes

Lower Reach Priority Vote: 1<sup>st</sup> – Upland Vegetation Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Renovating/Inventorying Stock ponds, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Infiltration Galleries

### Minutes

Dr. Mario Sullivan gave a presentation to the group on infiltration galleries and their feasibility in the lower reach of the White River. A lot is known about the geography and soils of this region. It does not appear that a large-scale infiltration gallery would be feasible due to the lack of significant alluvial gravel beds, karst formations, and the tar sands soils. More research would need to be done to address this specific question.

Callie Hendrickson spoke about the need to renovate stock ponds. Money is available for this task. There are outside groups that have as a priority renovating small reservoirs and those groups could help with the needed permitting and cost.

The groups held a long discussion on the need for forest and rangeland management. We are being told that the Infrastructure Bill will provide funding to the BLM and USFS for forest and BLM management. The group would like to see the removal of overgrown thickets, tree stands, and vegetation to improve the quality of the rangeland. We also talked about the sedimentation coming into the White River from these areas. The removed trees could be transported to drainages and used as a sedimentation trap. The group is also fully supportive of forest management work.

A vote was held by colored sticky notes. Four options were given as priority vote: infiltration galleries, upland vegetation management (terminology to include BLM and USFS lands), noxious tree removal, and stock pond renovation/inventory.

First Place – Upland Vegetation Management

Second Place – Stock pond renovation/inventory

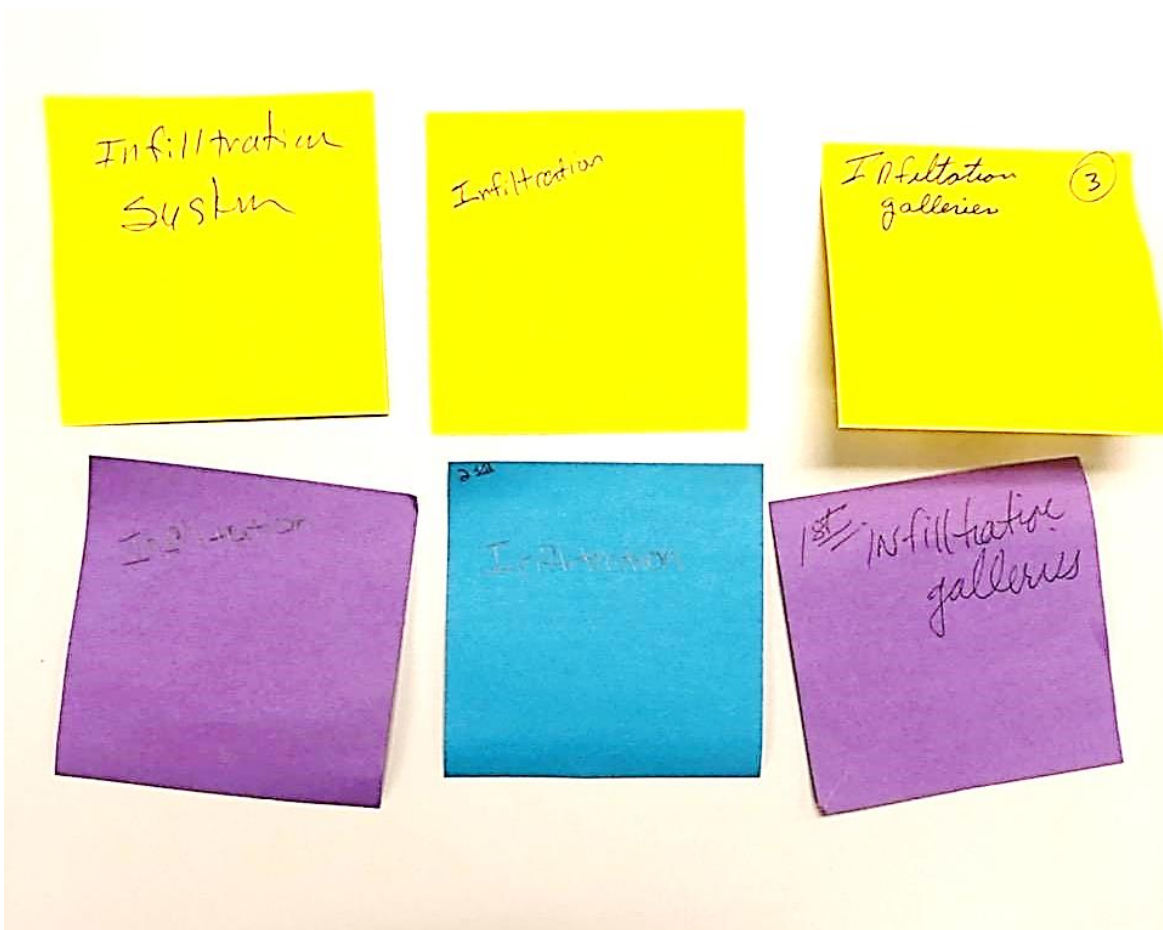
Third Place – Infiltration galleries

Priority voting in the Lower Reach

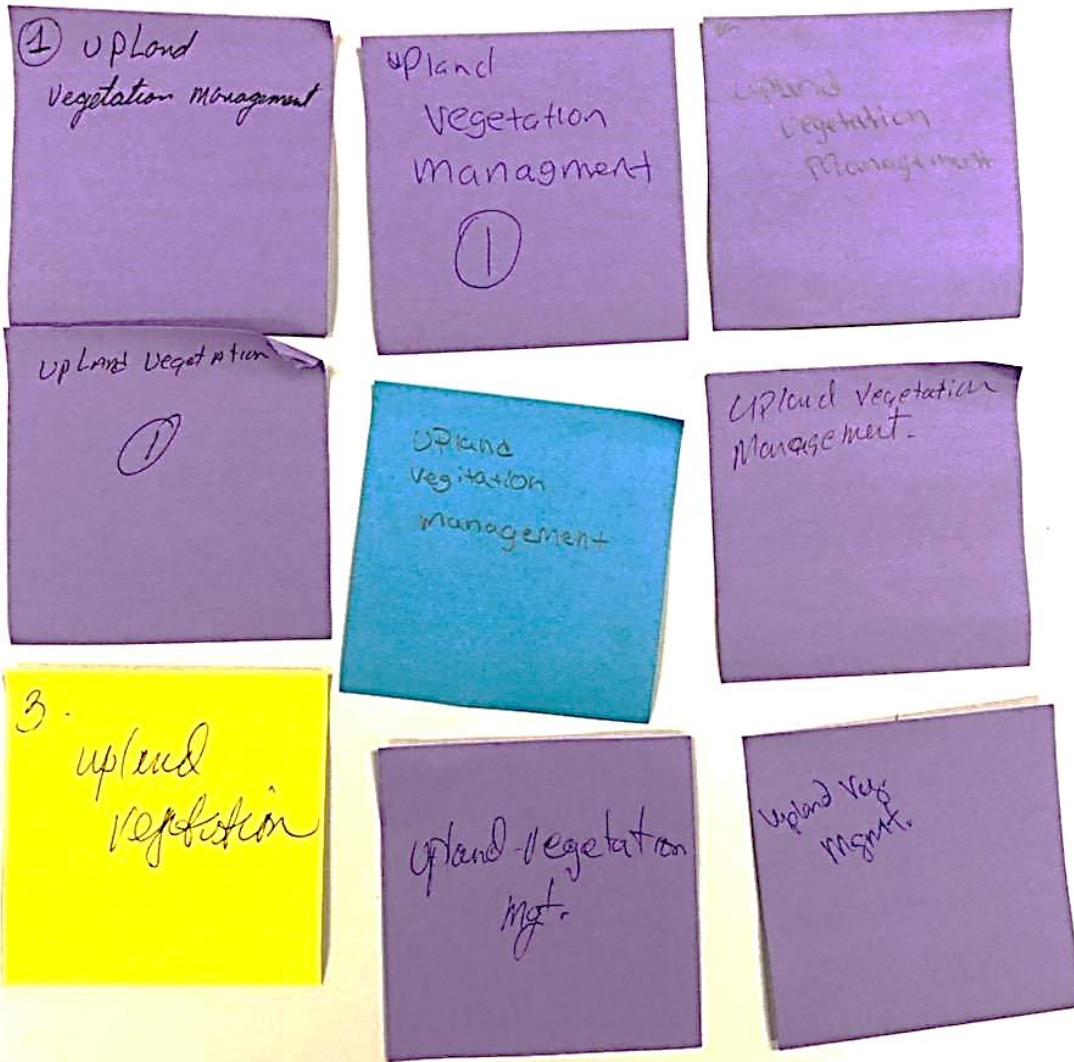
Purple = First Blue = Second Yellow = Third



Restoring/Inventorying Stock Ponds  
7 second place votes, 4 Third Place votes



Infiltration Galleries  
2 First Place Votes  
1 Second Place Vote  
3 Third Place Votes



Upland Vegetation Management

7 First Place, 1 Second Place, 1 Third Place Vote

