Minutes PAC Meeting, March 30th Meeker

Attendance: PAC Members – In Person Phil Brink Ron Reich Stu Massey Deirdre Macnab Travis Day Ed Smercina John Leary Chris Collins Forrest Nelson Ian Wilson Brett Harvey Tory Eyre David Bowers Jerry Oldland Kari Brennan Callie Hendrickson Liz Chandler PAC Members – Online Walt Proctor **Technical Advisors** James Roberts Guests Shawn Welder Chris Lockwood

Action Items:

• Each reach will meet before May to determine the priority items for each reach and begin to develop the Scope of Work

Outcomes:

- Outline for Phase II Summary Report reviewed by PAC members
- List of priorities to consider by reach generated by committees during meeting

Minutes:

Kari Brennan the Riparian Reports are completed and in the hands of the landowners. The summaries of the riparian and diversion reports will be in the Phase II Summary Report and in each Reach Report. The projects that will be awarded the CCA/WRCD Grants have been identified. We will have several projects that result from the assessments. At least one project will address riparian erosion that has resulted in a negative impact to a diversion.

Information gathered between meetings indicates that the USFS, CSFS, and National Forest Foundation will be well funded for the next few years and are able to work collaboratively. Money has been allocated by the state and federal government for fuels reduction and work to improve watersheds. The PAC held a brief discussion on the Water Initiative Mission Statement and Overall Goals. All studies and projects identified for Phase III need to address the stated goals and mission of the WRIWI. The PAC then divided into the established reach committees to discuss priorities by reach. The priorities identified by reach are: lower reach - forest health, underground storage/hydrology, and sediment control; middle reach – forest health, hydrology – expanding the Gates study with the focus on return flows; upper reach – upriver storage, preserving agricultural water rights, and forest health; Piceance Creek – storage and drought contingency planning.

The outline for the Phase II Summary Report was presented and the Coordinator will move forward with the outline to prepare the report.