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November 19, 2024

The Honorable Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Commissioner Touton,

We write in support of the application submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Northwest Colorado District to the Bureau of Reclamation Upper Basin Environmental Drought Mitigation (B2E) grant program. If awarded, the BLM - Northwest Colorado District, in partnership with Trout Unlimited, will address hydraulic function, vegetation, and ecosystem health of three specific project locations within the Colorado River headwaters.

The three project locations, including the Confluence Recreation Area, Fraser River Canyon, and Junction Butte are all over-wide, lack riparian vegetation, and are impacted by unnatural hydrology. The proposed project aims to stabilize and narrow over 9,000 linear feet of streambank and stream channels, reduce the abundance of fine sediment deposition, and reduce the incidence of stream temperature exceedances. The work to date has been primarily funded via previous BLM investments through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. B2E funding will allow the BLM to complement these past federal investments.

We encourage you to give the application submitted by the BLM - Northwest Colorado District your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator