

## Partnership Project Success Story

<b>State:</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>FS Funds Used:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000/yr</b>
<b>National Forest/Grassland:</b>	<b>Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF</b>	<b>Other Funds Used:</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Partners:</b>	<b>\$145,000/yr</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Upper Gunnison Basin Water Quality Monitoring Program</b>	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$150,000/yr</b>

**Project Purpose/Objectives:** Strategically located stations throughout the basin are established for a minimum of 3 years and water quality monitoring is being conducted to determine changes which may be occurring from growth and changing land use practices.

**Work Performed:** Water Quality Monitoring is being conducted at fourteen different sites. Two sites are located on the National Forest and represent areas where increased recreation use is occurring. Frequency of sampling and suite of parameters analyzed varies by site depending upon the site specific objective. Data is analyzed and an interpretive report is prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey.

**Benefits:** The Forest is getting high quality data and interpretation by the USGS for areas both on the Forest and for areas where the National Forest is the source of flow. Water quality within areas surrounded by National Forest lands is of critical interests to citizens, local communities, planners and water resource organizations. Our small contribution to this large effort demonstrates that the Forest Service supports their effort and wants to be party to this cooperative effort.

**Additional Information**

**Partners:** B.L.M., U.S.G.S., City of Gunnison, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Crested Butte South Metropolitan District, Gunnison County, Hinsdale County, Mount Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District, National Park Service, Town of Crested Butte, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District and Western State College.