Legislative Subcommittee Update
Overall Intent of NCA Legislation

• Develop an alternative to Wild and Scenic suitability/designation
• Ensure protection of identified Outstandingly Remarkable Values
• Respect and protect private property rights and water rights

Work collaboratively to find a community-based solution that works for range of stakeholders (i.e. we’re all making compromises, but we can all live with the outcome)
Major areas of focus

– Implementation Team (native fish)
– Boundary
– Montrose County
Boundary Discussions

• The basis of the boundary will be the river corridor and the viewshed, and that as the boundary is finalized it will not vary wildly from this basis.

• Principles to be used when finalizing the boundary:
  – Length will be from just bellow McPhee Dam (outside of the Dolores Project Primary Jurisdiction Zone) to at least Bedrock
  – Theme 2 management area from BLM’s Draft San Juan Plan, viewshed, and Dolores River Canyon WSA create a boundary to build from on width
  – Tributaries found suitable/eligible will be included
  – Consider Citizen Wilderness Proposal boundaries for the Dolores River Canyon wilderness boundary (these represent minor proposed additions to the existing WSA boundaries)
  – Consider the Snaggletooth Citizen Wilderness Proposal boundaries for the NCA boundary in that section of the designated area (consensus reached that the area will not be designated wilderness as part of this legislation, but that the proposed wilderness boundaries should be considered in determining the NCA boundary)
  – Consider biological/habitat data
  – Consider mineral maps