



## Lower Dolores Plan Working Group


Progress to Date

DRD Meeting  
March 2010




## Charges to the Working Group

- Make recommendations Re:  
*What is the appropriate level of protection and protection tool(s) that should be recommended to the Dolores Public Lands Office for the values identified and discussed in this planning process -- both ORV and other?*



- Participate: meetings, field trips, discussions
- Consider all the interests and "other values"
- Listen & respect opinions

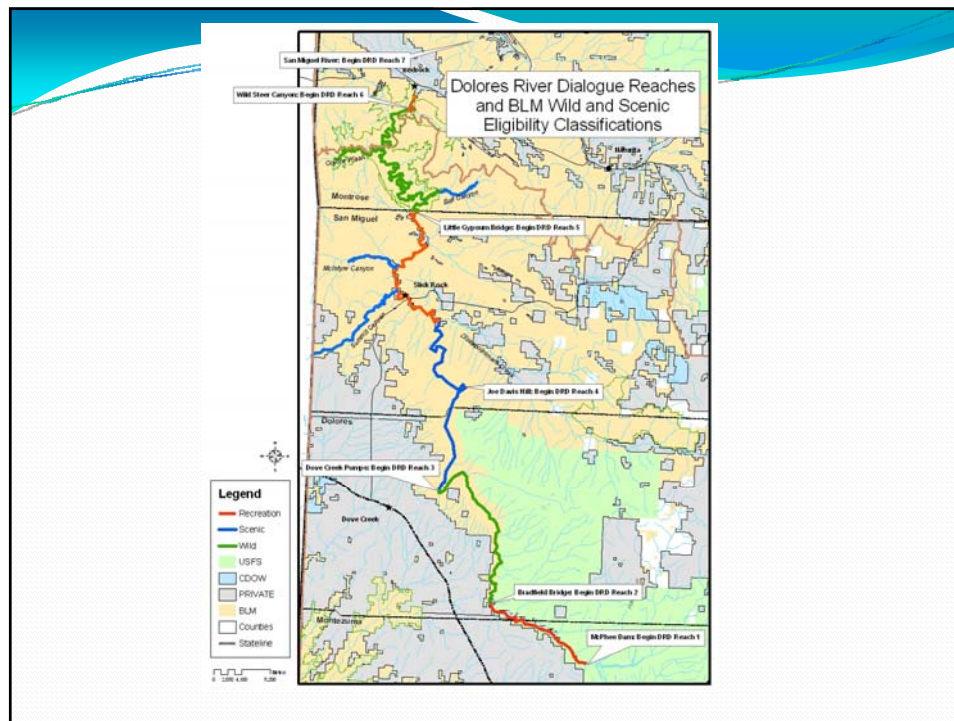


## Sectors represented:

- Boaters (professional and private) + American Whitewater
- Colorado Water Conservation Board ; Colorado Division of Natural Resources & Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Conservation Groups: The Nature Conservancy, Dolores River Coalition, San Juan Citizens Alliance ,Trout Unlimited & Wilderness Support Center
- County Commissions (Dolores, Montezuma and San Miguel)
- DRD Science and Technical Committee
- Federal elected officials (local staff)
- Land: Land owners, private property rights, and conservation groups
- Town of Dove Creek and Cortez (Town of Dolores invited)
- Water: Bureau of Rec., DWCD, MVIC and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and private water rights holders
- Other canoe club, private anglers, and OHV + archeology, grazing, oil and gas

and Dolores Public Lands Office (USFS/BLM) (ex officio)

**= 51 Members**



## Accomplishments

- So far.....15 consensus recommendations (see handout, pp. 1-5)
- Key: develop special legislation that would serve as an alternative to the WSR preliminarily suitable status
- Would designate the Lower Dolores a “special area” (e.g., Outstanding Natural Area, Conservation Area, etc.)



It's a balancing act....



**Private Land and Water Interests and Rights, and Economic Opportunity**

**Consensus**

**Protection of the ORVs and Long Term Conservation**

See pp. 5 and 6 on handout for “interests”

## Process Steps

- Learning about the Lower Dolores, the ORVs, other values
- 12 meetings: speakers, power points, presentations, small group discussions
- 3 field trips
- In-depth Reach discussions
- Recognizing interests
- Crafting Recommendations and Actions for the Future



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- Meeting summaries
- Information Sheet Series
- Field trips' photo essays
- List of interests
- *Issues, Opportunities and Concerns* Document
- *Summary Planning* Document
- Reach Information + chart of ORVs by reach (see handout)
- Maps and other handouts
- CWCB interim report

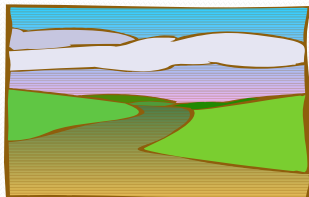
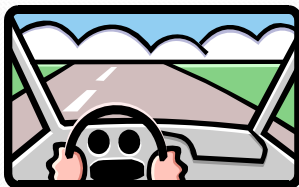


## Next Steps...

- Small group, appointed by the larger Working Group, is developing principles and parameters of the Special legislation; Report back April 19<sup>th</sup>
- The goals: successful special legislation and an updated Management Plan
- Working Group will produce report and submit to the DPLO by June 30, 2010
- After report is submitted, DPLO will start Management Plan Update (formal EA process)



It's been a long and winding road -



...but a successful one  
so far ~~

