

#### DRRP Long-Term Monitoring & Maintenance: Survey Results



### Why are we even talking about this?

- Approaching a major milestone
- Determining how to protect our investment
- Collective identifying of the needs & opportunities to prepare for transition to monitoring and maintenance



## **The Survey**

Questions were designed with three objectives:

1. To check in on our progress to date and ask ourselves if we are ok with our direction towards accomplishing DR-RAP's goals.

2. To think about the needs during the period between now and 2015, when the DRRP will begin to shift from active, high-intensity work to low-intensity maintenance.

3. To understand <u>your</u> vision for DRRP after 2015.

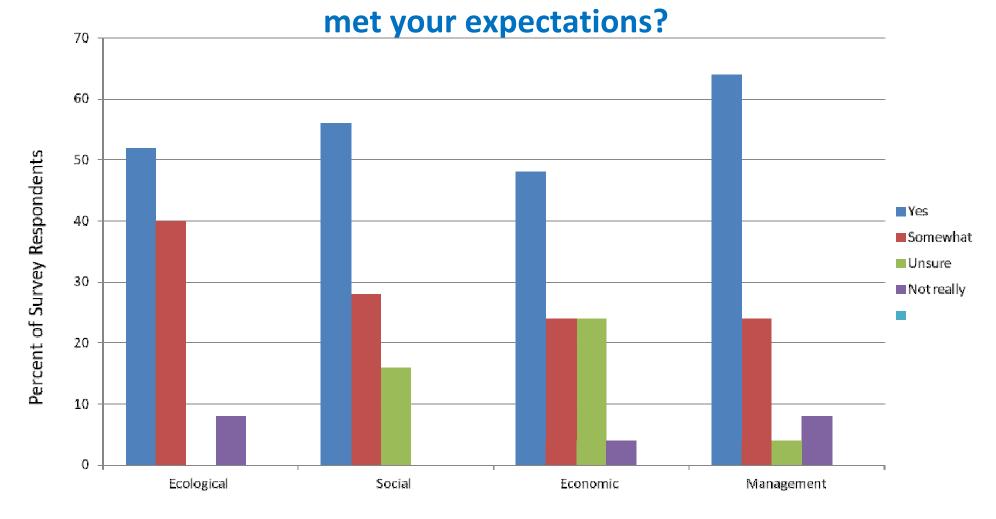


## **Survey Responses**

- 29 started the survey, 23 completed it
- Survey-starters and completers represent:
  - One tribe
  - One private contractor
  - Two county agencies
  - Several federal agencies
  - Several non-profit organizations



#### To date, has the partnership's progress towards the four DR-RAP goals





Are there other important opportunities or actions to consider for enhancing our work towards these goals?

- Ecological: continue the work, don't lose ground
- Social: more training opportunities and engagement of local youth & stakeholders in the Dolores River Basin
- **Economic**: develop metrics, continue involvement with the U-T Scenic Byway Initiative
- Management: long-term funding for monitoring



# Between today and the end of 2015, what do you feel is most important to accomplish?

- Developing a framework that guides the maintenance phase of work
- Re-energize existing partners and engage new ones
- Monitoring (bird populations, riparian vegetation)



# Moving forward, what resources are you willing to commit to DRRP to ensure this work is accomplished?

- Continued involvement in planning, coordinating, implementing restoration work
- Offers to develop internship opportunities
- Help with monitoring and outreaching to landowners
- Training volunteers to do monitoring
- Garnering funding for the partnership



Do you anticipate any challenges or obstacles in terms of continuing your participating in the DRRP? Might there be ways the DRRP can help keep you engaged?

- <u>Funding</u>: long-term strategies for supporting capacity needs and restoration activities
- <u>Staff limitations & competing priorities</u>: enthusiastic partners that keep staff engaged
- <u>Travel obstacles</u>: arrange car-pools
- <u>Feeling isolated</u>: more communications

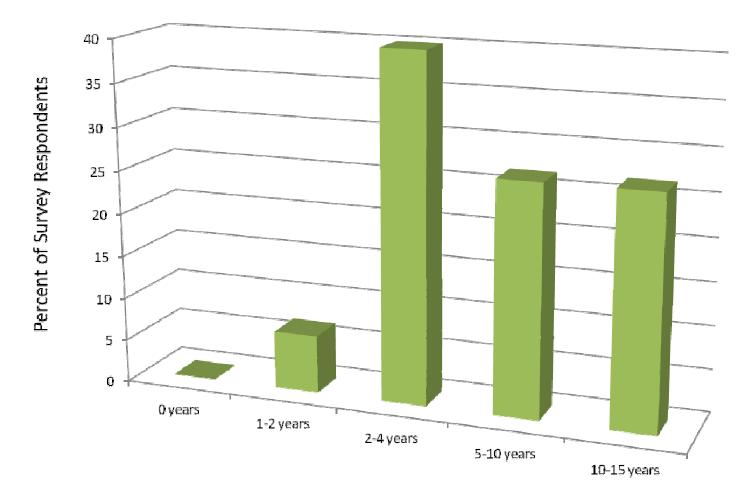


What is your vision for the DRRP after 2015 (e.g. how will the partnership be structured, what work will be conducted, etc.).?

- Engagement of next generation of stewards & private landowners outside riparian corridor
- Smaller, streamlined governance
- Finish what we started: achieving DR-RAP goals and reporting out to the public



#### Based on your answer above, how long do you think it will take to achieve this post-2015 vision?





# What partners and/or resources do you see needed to help fulfill this post-2015 vision?

- The usual suspects
- Big donors, university support, local schools
- Someone(s) to monitor as well as write-up and distribute final lessons learned
- Financial and labor resources
- Engagement of public and elected officials



Do you have any other thoughts or questions that you would like to suggest in order to inform this plan and/or planning process for post-2015?

- Impacts of a listing of yellow-billed cuckoos?
- Better use of DRRP website
- Develop a plan that keeps us all accountable
- Public awareness
- Tributaries, fish, flows

### **Questions, Comments, Reactions?**

