Joint SPBRT / MRT Environmental & Recreation Subcommittees
Meeting Summary
June 28, 2023
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In Attendance:

David Nickum, Kirk Vincent, Diane Kielty, Morgan Lynch, Lynda James, Josh Kuhn

2:00 pm

1. [**American Whitewater**](#) **(AW), Hattie Johnson** - Presented on their new Water Plan grant to identify and quantify water-based recreational opportunities statewide. The project is underway with the primary focus of quantifying existing impacts and future risks from diminished stream flows and watershed yield. Another significant aspect of this study is identifying water sharing opportunities for up to three high priority recreation locations. Water sharing activities are defined as associated with the Alternative Transfer Method tool for cooperative approaches to increase flows downstream.

   The current approach is a crowd-sourced documentation of white-water rivers. The first step is mapping recreational assets around the state. They will be looking at water quality and quantity information that impacts recreation. They have funding to do data collection, mapping, and risk assessment. In classifying recreational use waters, AW's context is of caution to not weighing the values of recreational use activities.

   Discussion about how our committee and the Roundtables can best engage with the effort. David provided Hattie with contact information for the new MRT Recreation Committee lead. Several contacts and resources for data collection were provided.

   Please contact Haddie Johnson if you have information or resource suggestions to share for this study at hattie@americanwhitewater.org.

   - [American Whitewater_Summary Recreational Flow Study 053123](#)**:**

Future Topics of Interest
- Follow up on SB-270 Stream Legislation and agency level guidance for projects.
- Healthy Rivers Report Card Tool
- Recreation topic – Blue Trails water-based recreation and travel
- Page 225 – 3.8 Interagency watershed planning tool? [Colorado_WaterPlan_2023_Digital.pdf (state.co.us)](#)
- Greenway Foundation activities

3:05 pm - Adjourn.