2017 Southwest Basin Tour
Draft Itinerary *

**Some speakers still subject to change*

Tour Goals

- Illustrate strategies from the Southwest Basin Implementation Plan and their broader application to statewide issues in Colorado's Water Plan.
- Showcase the nexus between water and the local agricultural, mining/energy, recreation, environmental protection, and ski industries.
- Convey the importance of partnerships and collaborations in water resource management, water supply planning, and river protection.
- Help elected officials, community leaders and interested citizens gain a well-rounded, objective look at regional water management considerations so they leave feeling more equipped to engage in local and statewide water conversations and to approach leadership and decision-making roles with confidence.

Tuesday, June 13 – Lower San Miguel Basin and Dolores River

8:00 am: **Peaks Hotel Telluride**
Welcome and Introductions

8:30 am: Depart Peaks Hotel for Norwood (50 min drive)
Bus Topic: Southwest Basin overview and Basin Implementation Plan priorities
Speakers: Mike Preston, Southwest Basin Roundtable chair; April Montgomery, Telluride Foundation and former CWCB Board member

9:20 am: **Site: Indian Ridge Farm, Norwood**
Topics: Local Food Economy, raw water project, location and impact of senior water rights, innovative ag water practices.
Speakers: Terri Lamers, ranching family on local ag concerns; Kris Holstrom, Montrose County Commissioner, Alex Funk, National Young Farmers Coalition

10:20 am: Depart Norwood for Maverick Draw (30 min drive)
Bus Topic: Proposed site, need for reservoirs, local economic drivers and concerns

Speakers: Marc Catlin, Montrose County; Dianna Reams, Naturita Chamber of Commerce

10:50 am: **Site: Maverick Draw proposed Montrose County reservoir**
Topic: Vision for a more sustainable recreation economy, cooperation between ag and other interests
Speakers: Nathan Fey, American Whitewater; George Glazier, Glazier Ditch

11:10 am: Depart Maverick Draw for Nucla Power Station Drive-By (15 min talk on drive)
Bus Topic: Nucla Power Station's future and how water is used
Speaker: Jackie Brown, Tri-State Generation and Transmission

11:45 am: **Bus Topic:** Instream Flow Program and recent appropriations on the San Miguel and Dolores Rivers
Speaker: Rob Viehl, Colorado Water Conservation Board

12:00 pm: **Site: Uravan Ballfields for lunch**
Topic: Historical importance of mining, Uravan town history, Superfund program
Speakers: Jane Thompson, Rimrock Historical Society

1:00 pm: Depart Uravan Ballfield for Hanging Flume overlook (10 min drive)

1:20 pm: Depart Hanging Flume overlook for confluence of San Miguel and Dolores River (40 min drive plus opportunity to walk along river)
Bus Topic: The Wild and Scenic Rivers program and alternative stakeholder processes;
Speaker: Ed Franz, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office

2:00 pm: **Site: San Miguel and Dolores Rivers Confluence**
Topics: Dolores River Dialogue, native fish restoration and management
Speakers: Nathan Fey, American Whitewater; Celene Hawkins, The Nature Conservancy, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Mike Preston, Dolores Water Conservancy District

2:40 pm: Depart Confluence for Paradox Salinity Unit (15 min drive)

2:55 pm: **Site: Paradox Salinity Unit**
Topic: Salinity issues on CO River and Colorado's responsibility, Intersection with tribal interests downstream
Speakers: Andy Nicholas, Bureau of Reclamation

3:15 pm**:** Driving tour to Salinity Unit injection station

3:55 pm: Depart Salinity Unit for Norwood (55 min drive)

Bus Topic: Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs role and tribal history and priorities for water
Speaker: Ernest House, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Colorado Indian Commission

4:50 pm: **Site: Norwood Community Garden**
Speakers: Clay Wadman, Norwood Lawn and Garden Group, Finn Kjome/Jim Wells Norwood Water Commission

5:15 pm: Walk to Livery (5 min walk)

5:20 pm: **The Livery-Hosted Dinner**
Welcome by Norwood Mayor Kieffer Parrino

7:10 pm: Depart for The Peaks Hotel, Telluride (50 min drive)

8:00 pm: Drop off at Peaks Hotel

Wednesday, June 14 – Upper Basin San Miguel

8:00 am: Gather at hotel and overview logistics for the day

8:30 am: **Site: Telluride Mountain Village**
Topics: Weather Modification Program,
Speakers: Jeff Proteau, Telluride Ski Resort; Ken Curtis, Dolores Water Conservancy District

9:15 am: Valley Floor Project Film viewing

9:30 am: Ride Gondola down to Telluride and walk to Valley Floor Restoration site

10:00 am: **Site: Valley Floor Restoration Project**
Topics: Understanding science of rivers, cooperation between sectors and entities on multi-partner project, Water Supply Reserve Fund application
Speakers: Hillary Cooper, San Miguel County Commissioner; Chris Haysen, San Miguel Conservation Foundation; Lance McDonald, Telluride Program Manager

11:00 am: Depart Valley Floor for Pandora Mill and Bridal Veil Falls (15 min drive)
Bus Topic: History of Telluride
Speaker: Kiernan Lannon, Telluride History Museum

11:15 am: **Site: Pandora Mill and Bridal Veil Falls Overlook**

Topics: Cooperative water management between Telluride and Idarado Mining, mine tailing reclamation; water treatment and power facilities' fascinating history
Speakers: Karen Guglielmoni, Telluride Public Works; David Swanson, Idorado Site Manager

12:00 pm Depart Pandora Mill for Telluride Library for Lunch (15 min drive)

12:15pm Lunch at Telluride Library (backup: Telluride Historic Museum)
Topic: The role of philanthropy in water resource management
Speakers: Paul Major and April Montgomery, Telluride Foundation

1:25 pm: Depart Telluride Library for Placerville Park (35 min drive)

2:00 pm: **Site: Placerville Park**
Topics: San Miguel Watershed and Stream Management Plan, Wild and Scenic stakeholder processes; evolution of watershed planning and how to manage river as a system with recognition for all stakeholders/economies
Speakers: Jenny Russell, Russell & Pieterse; Linda Luther, San Miguel County

3:15 pm: Pick up for optional post-event rafting trip** on the San Miguel River
Everyone else, depart Placerville for the Peaks Hotel (30 min drive)

3:45 pm: Closing remarks

4:00 pm: Tour concludes, optional post-event social at Telluride Brewery

** **Optional Whitewater Rafting on the San Miguel River**

We have put together an optional whitewater rafting trip at the end of Day 2 of CFWE's 2017 Southwest Basin Tour for those who want to get up close and personal with the San Miguel River! Participants will experience 9 miles of nearly nonstop Class II and III whitewater. This will be the high water season, so the trip is guaranteed to be fast, wet and a lot of fun.

A local professional outfitter, Telluride Outside, has offered to run a private trip at a discounted rate for tour participants. Instead of the normal trip rate of $95 per person plus gratuity, tour participants can sign up for just $65, which includes gratuity.

Telluride Outside guides will pick up any takers at the conclusion of our final presentation in Placerville on June 14 at 3:15, then return you to the Telluride Peaks Hotel by 6:30pm.