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Monthly Middle Park CD Report

As part of NRCS's commitment to continue to provide service to the Middle Park CD we have agreed to update the board each month there is no board meeting scheduled. This will help keep the board informed on NRCS's work within the area.

I apologize for not sending out an April report. This report will cover both April and May. Derrick was able to staff the service center for one day for 5 out of the 8 weeks. This was due to some mandatory meetings and weather. What an amazing wet April and May we have had! During the month of April and May Derrick spent time working with TCP-EQIP applicants and Mark Volt to complete and get signed 4 applications worth over \$60,000. Unfortunately, one was cancelled by the participant due to financial concerns, application was worth over \$100,000. These applications should be obligated by the State Office soon. Mark will begin work on engineering for these new contracts as time allows. The field office still has 4 other active contracts that we'll be working on to finish up.

The RCPP projects (currently at 8) are continuing work and have been taking a good amount of Derrick's time as they begin to prepare for construction. Our State Engineer has signed off on many of the designs completed by Tetra Tech for in stream work. Our Area Engineer has been working on an irrigation design for one of the projects and will start work on another here soon. The plan is to begin construction within the year on most of these RCPP projects.

Snowpack in the Upper Colorado continued to improve after a brief melt off period. The Upper Colorado River Basin sits at over 400% of normal Snow Water Equivalent today and 123% of Total Precipitation for the 2019 water year (Oct 1st – Sep 30th). Sites on the Gore and Front Range are still showing feet of snow as we come into June! With the cooler than normal temperatures river run off is lower than normal right now but as temperatures begin to rise we'll see those rivers swell. We do need to see those higher temperatures to get some grass growth out of all this water so hopefully June warms us up.

If you have any questions about the above information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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