

WATER LEGACY

Documenting knowledge for future generations

"Water is sacred and we respect that. Without water there is no life."

- Crawford White, Northern Arapaho leader

OVERVIEW

THE NEED

Water makes life possible and is essential for economies to function. But, freshwater resources are in jeopardy due to growing demand, pollution, climate change and other factors. These pressures create profound risks for businesses and communities. We can't possibly navigate a topic as large as this without some sense of perspective, and some help from the past.

Capturing and sharing knowledge from individuals and organizations that have been instrumental in the development of water resources in Colorado and the West is critical. These individuals hold the key information that communities need in order to plan for their water futures. By conducting interviews with water leaders, and transcribing their oral histories and creating educational videos, we can share critical information with present and future generations

Subject areas for this program include water resources management, engineering, law and legislation, cultural water aspects, and more. Geographic coverage focuses on Colorado but extends across the American West and around the world. The archives serve as a resource for researchers, academics, policy-makers, industry representatives and more.



The information captured through oral and video interviews can serve as an invaluable education resource for students and the general public. The Poudre Heritage Alliance will distill the original interviews into short educational videos for youth related to water and the Poudre River. These videos will introduce future generations to water issues, management and stewardship.

The Water Legacy Video Series currently consists of 22 video units and seven audio units that explore the excitement and drama of the Poudre River corridor. Come along as we take you, your family, and your students on great adventures! They are free for anyone to view online!

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GOALS & OUTCOMES

GOAL

Through oral history interviews and multimedia experiences the Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA) will capture stories and knowledge for present and future generations that also teach people about the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA).

OUTCOMES

- Enhance and expand content knowledge related to water
- Raise awareness about water issues, CALA, and PHA
- Inspire appreciation of the Poudre River and water heritage
- Support educators in delivering water-themed, history-based curriculum

BUDGET: \$68,000

Each contribution has an impact and supports the total goal:

- **\$1,000** - Audio Interview
- **\$2,500** - Audio/Video Interview with content experts (historians, water law experts, biologists, etc.)
- **\$5,000** - Audio/Video Interview with short 3–5 minute educational video
- **\$10,000** - Produce one 5–10 minute animated video
- **\$15,000** - Publishing book

