



# Grand County Stream Management Plan Update Stakeholder Group Meeting

July 18, 2023

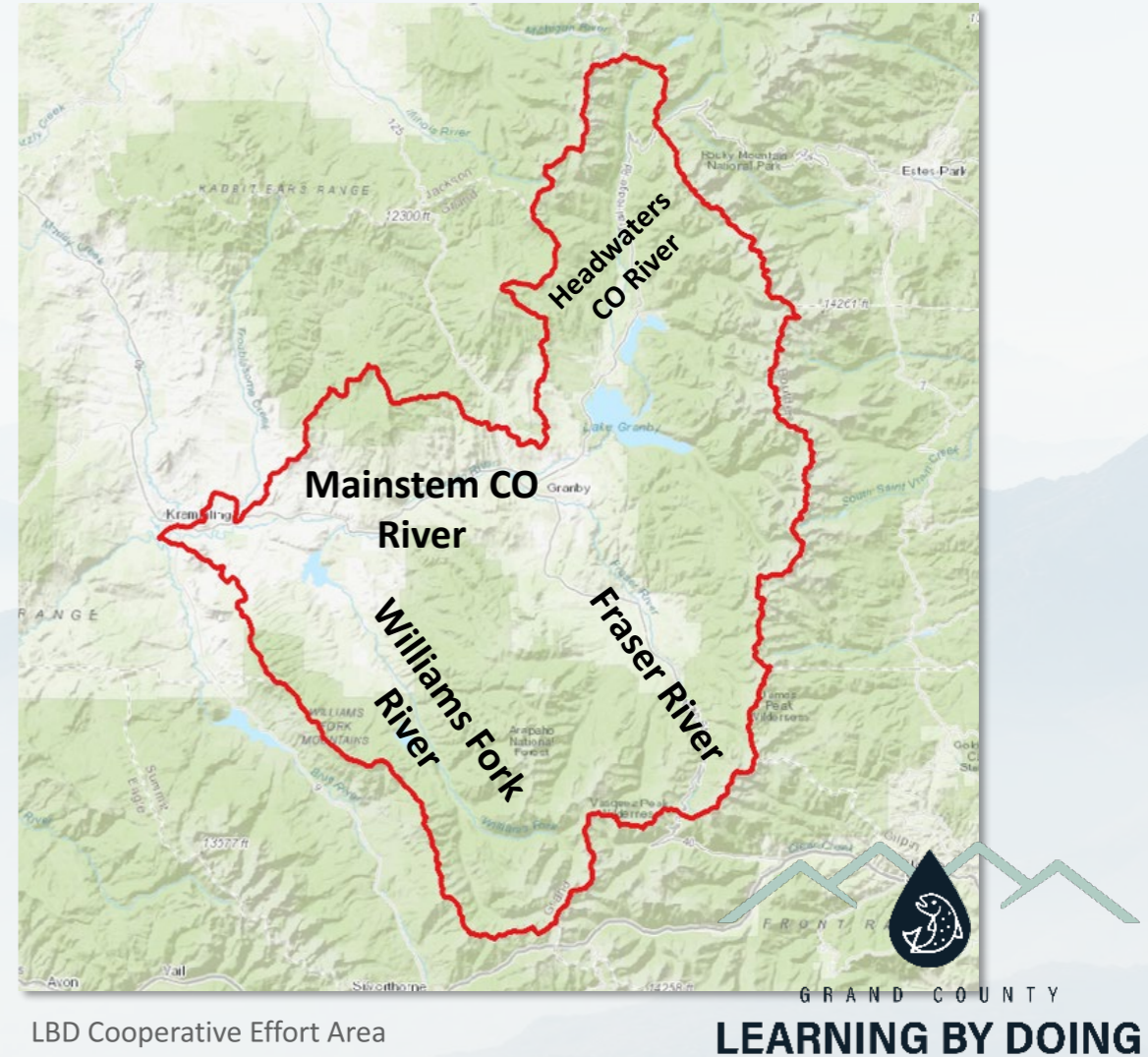


# What Are We Doing Here?

# Purpose of the GC SMP Update



- The GC SMP is managed by Learning By Doing.
- The purpose of the GC SMP update is to improve river and stream health by synthesizing new **technical information** and **stakeholder input** to identify:
  - Objectives,
  - Priority areas,
  - Cooperative restoration projects.
- The GC SMP update will occur in the LBD Cooperative Effort Area (CEA).



# GC SMP UPDATE PHASES



## PHASE 1

Stakeholder Outreach  
and Engagement  
Program

Comprehensive  
Watershed  
Assessment

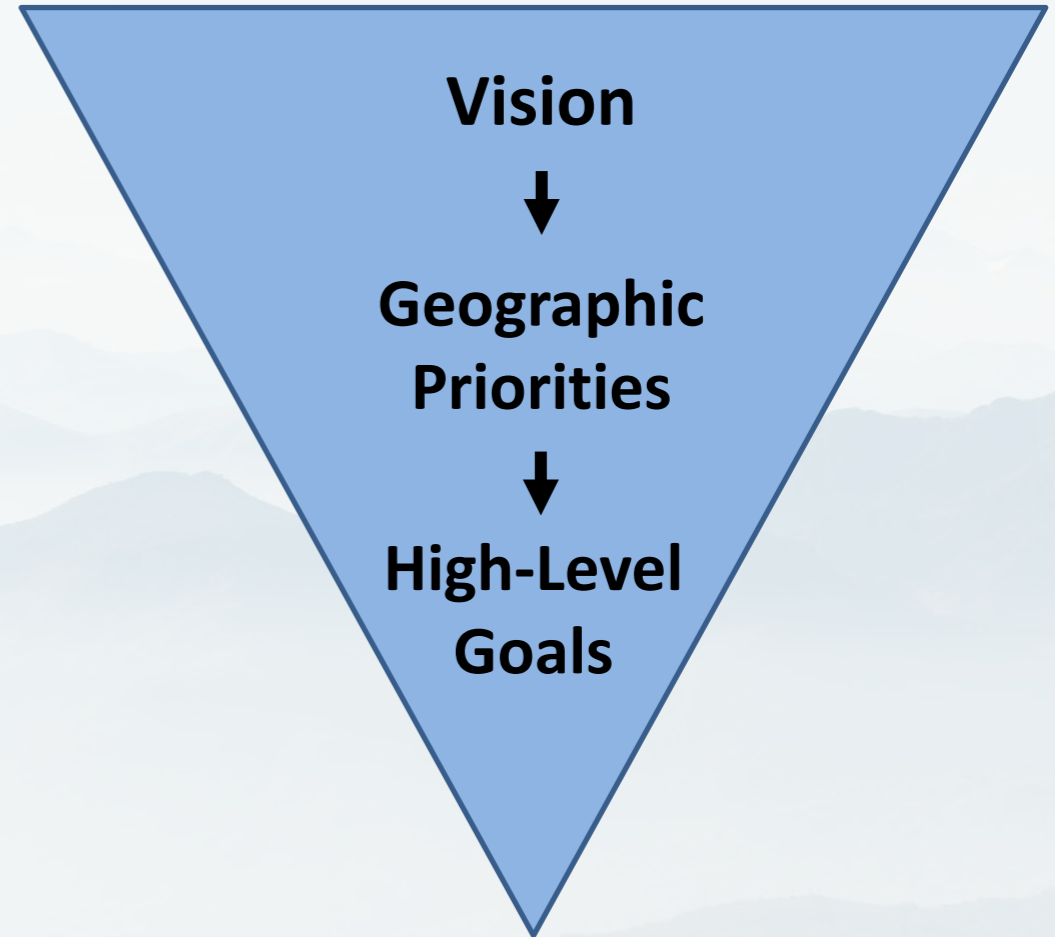
## PHASE 2

- Synthesis of stakeholder input and watershed assessment to identify:
  - Objectives
  - Priority areas
  - Cooperative restoration projects

# Stakeholder Outreach Program Purpose



- Gather community and stakeholder input on values, priorities, concerns, and opportunities
- Learn and hear from other stakeholders
- Occur from Spring 2023 to Winter 2023/2024





## The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
<b>A Stream Management Plan - Data driven assessments on holistic river health to determine where and how our rivers are impaired.</b>	An Integrated Water Management Plan - Consumptive water use planning (ex. drinking water, irrigation, and industrial).
<b>The development of strategies for effective communication and use of environmental flows within the confines of the existing legal framework and water rights allocations.</b>	An attempt to reverse water development projects that are operating or have been approved.
<b>A way to identify and prioritize management actions that maintain or improve river conditions.</b>	A way to address consumptive water needs.

# GC SMP UPDATE SCOPE



## The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
<b>An update of an existing SMP.</b>	A watershed plan or other new and broader planning effort.
<b>A community effort focused on the needs of the river and aquatic habitat with opportunities for stakeholder feedback and input.</b>	Focus on specific individual stakeholder water needs.
<b>Focus on collaboration and solutions for changes in river conditions.</b>	Finding a culprit for changes in river conditions.

# GC SMP UPDATE SCOPE



## The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
<b>Focus on rivers and streams.</b>	Focus on lakes or reservoirs.
<b>Geographic scope: LBD's Cooperative Effort Area.</b>	Grand County watersheds in their entirety.
<b>Address environmental water needs (ex. target flushing flows).</b>	Address agricultural, municipal, industrial, and recreational water needs.



# GC SMP UPDATE STAKEHOLDER EXPECTATIONS



- Ground rules:
  - Listen to understand, not respond
  - Allow every voice to be heard
  - Participate in the discussion
  - Treat everyone with respect
  - Discuss ideas, not people
  - Focus on the topic at hand
  - Respect everyone's time
  - Talk about what you think and know; let others do the same
- No stakeholders may speak to the media on behalf of LBD, focus groups, Advisory Board of Representatives, or Stakeholder Group

# TODAY'S AGENDA



- Lotic Hydrological Presentation
  - Overview of historical and present water use and management
  - Recent landscape changes
- Overview of the stakeholder survey results
- Stakeholder visioning exercise