

Hello Work Group Members:

Given that we are the Poudre Runs Through It Study/**Action** Work Group, we have set ourselves the expectation of coming up with some potential actions we could leverage as a group. These would be actions that meet the criterion of working toward our goal of “working river/healthy river”—that is actions to respect that the Poudre River is a working river but we also want to improve its health. In addition, these would be actions that we might take on as a group in the future and/or actions for which we would plant seeds for others to take on. In either case, we would likely take responsibility for launching them, for leveraging funding for them, for following through.

With that in mind, here is your homework for the month:

Think through all you have learned and heard about and develop an idea or more for actions we might consider that fall into the category above. Two examples that have come from Work Group members are:

- A Poudre River Canoe Trail
- Signage that notes CFS (cubic feet per second) levels at certain popular points on the river so that the public can begin to understand what CFS means and how to get a feel for the fluctuating flows of the river.

These are both “hands on” kinds of suggestions. Your ideas may fall more in the realm of policy. An example of that might be:

- Develop a position statement to submit to the City of Thornton that we encourage them to take their water at a point low on the river, allowing for improved streamflows through Fort Collins.

Keep in mind that your “mini-presentations” will likely fall into one of the following categories:

- Something we can do
- Something we can support that others are doing
- Something we can identify for others to do

As you work on your ideas, consider reaching out to others in the group whose understanding of an issue might help you better formulate your proposal.

Homework Format: To expedite our consideration of your ideas, we ask that you submit each idea in a separate “presentation.” (One idea can have several parts, but please submit each idea separately.) Your “presentation” should be in the form of from 1-3 Power Point slides, with or without pictures. Please be succinct—as if you were “marketing” the idea to the group.

Please submit your presentations to me by January 28. I will then package them and send them out to the full group to look at by February 1, giving you a full week to review the presentations ahead of time.

If you have any questions about the homework, feel free to get in touch with Reagan or myself.