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Coal Basin Restoration Project 2013

Since the closing of the Mid-Continent coal mines in Redstone and Coal Basin in 1991, reclamation projects and plans for more permanent restoration have focused on a variety of activities around the mine dumps, refuse piles, and impacted roads and lands. Many organizations, associations, and institutions have been involved.

Last year, a project, using livestock as a restoration tool, selecting appropriate seeds, and utilizing a mixture of compost and biochar at a study site, was implemented by the USFS, under the direction of the Sopris Ranger District.

There is interest in a 2nd year project to make it possible to more appropriately evaluate the success of the projects in order to make future plans about restoration of the watersheds of Coal Creek and the Crystal River.

Attached is a brief explanation of the project and a request for funding. Time is of the essence, as the staff at the Sopris District needs to have plans in place for implementation this spring.

I hope your organization can contribute essential funds to support this project.

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