Late 1990s: Local stakeholders gathered to address issues facing the Rio Grande


The RGHRP was formed as a non-profit to implement the 2001 Study
About Us

- **Mission:** to restore and conserve the historic function and vitality of the Rio Grande in Colorado for improved water quality, agricultural water use, riparian health, wildlife and aquatic species habitat, recreation, and community safety while meeting the Rio Grande Compact

- Partner with landowners, irrigation companies, state and federal agencies, non-profits, and other stakeholders
Issues facing the Rio Grande

- Bank erosion
- Sedimentation
- Altered hydrology
- Disconnected floodplain
- Degraded habitat
Issues facing the Rio Grande

• Poorly functioning irrigation and diversion structures
• Fragmented aquatic habitat
• Sediment and debris
Issues facing the Rio Grande Watershed

- Wildfire impacts
- Widespread beetle kill
- Degraded habitat
- Water quality impairments