



Oh Dam! A Story of Collaboration and Trust

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Introduction

▣ Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

- ▣ Non-profit working to improve the health of the Rio Grande through partnership projects
- ▣ Data and relationship driven
- ▣ Responsive to community needs



▣ Moxiecran Media

- ▣ Recovering Human Resources Manager, with a background in commercial video production & photography
- ▣ Multimedia production company specializing in natural resource education
- ▣ Collaborates with federal, state & local organizations throughout CO and NM



Five Ditches Project

- Community Need:
 - Aging diversion infrastructure & degraded river
- Large & dynamic:
 - Multiple ditch companies & stakeholders
- How to capture the project (beyond photo points, engineer plans, & grant reports)?
 - A VIDEO!



Lessons Learned

- ▣ Personal bias busting
- ▣ Unexpected twists and turns throughout the life of a project:
 - ▣ Partner coordination
 - ▣ Dry years and high water
- ▣ Value in Storytelling
 - ▣ Communicates diverse perspectives and shared connections
 - ▣ Relatable to local communities
 - ▣ Weaves in the human element





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