

Bio: Michael Preston

Michael Preston received a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and an M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Colorado at Denver. Preston has served as the General Manager of the Dolores Water Conservancy District, since October of 2007. He has served as Chairman of the Southwest Basin Roundtable since early 2008. In 2015 Preston helped form the DWRF (Dolores Watershed Resilient Forests) Collaborative and serves on the DWRF Timber Industry Working Group. In 2017 he was appointed to the Forest Health Advisory Council.

During 25 years with Fort Lewis College, Preston worked with the Ute Mountain Tribe on the Colorado Indian Water Rights Settlement and development of the 7,600 acre Tribal Farm and Ranch Enterprise. He also worked on collaborative forest restoration efforts involving county, timber industry, conservation group, and US/State Forest Service collaboration from 1995 until 2007 which provided the foundation for his work with DWRF.