

## **Cary Denison**

### *Trout Unlimited*

Cary Denison is a Colorado native who was raised in the North Fork of the Gunnison valley on a small farm where his appreciation and understanding of water began by irrigating and working alongside his father, a water commissioner and irrigation company superindendant and by fishing and recreating in the rivers and streams of western Colorado. Cary worked for ranches in the summers and cleaned and repaired ditches and canals during the spring and fall. After attending Western State College for 1 year Cary transferred to Colorado State University where he gradutaed in 1997. From 2000-2005 Cary was employed by the State of Colorado as a water commissioner in the San Miguel and Upper Gunnison Basins. After working for the State Cary owned and operated a consulting firm that focused on ag water management and habitat improvement projects. Cary has served on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable since 2007 as representative for Ouray County and currently as the Environmental Representative. Over the past 8 years, in his role with Trout Unlimited, Cary has worked with water users throughout the Gunnison Basin on water conservation projects that help address water demands of irrigators while improving cold water fisheries.

