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Summary

The Rocky Mountain Region is working collaboratively with partners and communities in the South Platte watershed.  This watershed supplies approximately 80% of the drinking water to the 2.5 million residents of the Denver metropolitan area and comprises national forest, state, private, and municipal/county owned landscapes.  The South Platte partnerships encompass 60+ organizations including federal, state, and local government agencies, and national, regional, and local non-profit organizations.  In this presentation, we will share the innovative funding mechanisms leveraged through these partnerships to accelerate restoration both in the city and in the rural headwaters, and discuss our experiences, successes, and challenges working with a wide range of partners in a large urban-rural landscape.