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CFTF Meeting

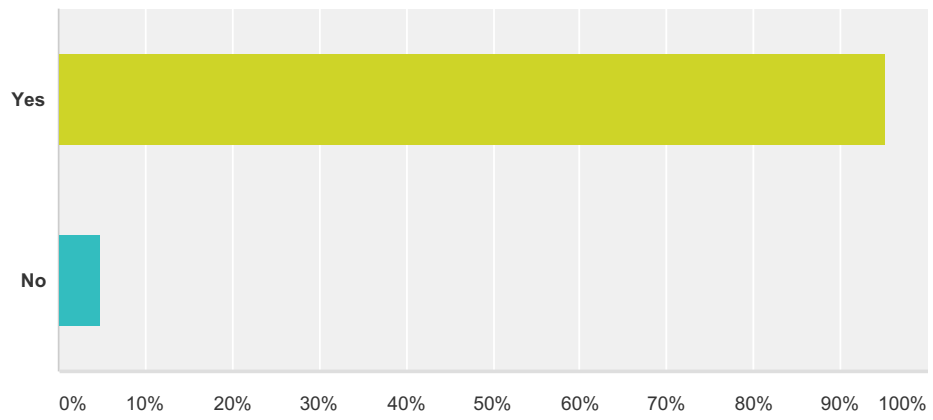
Q1 Address

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
Name	100.00%	21
Company	100.00%	21
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	100.00%	21
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	21
Phone Number	100.00%	21

Q2 I plan to attend the meeting on April 15th in Missoula

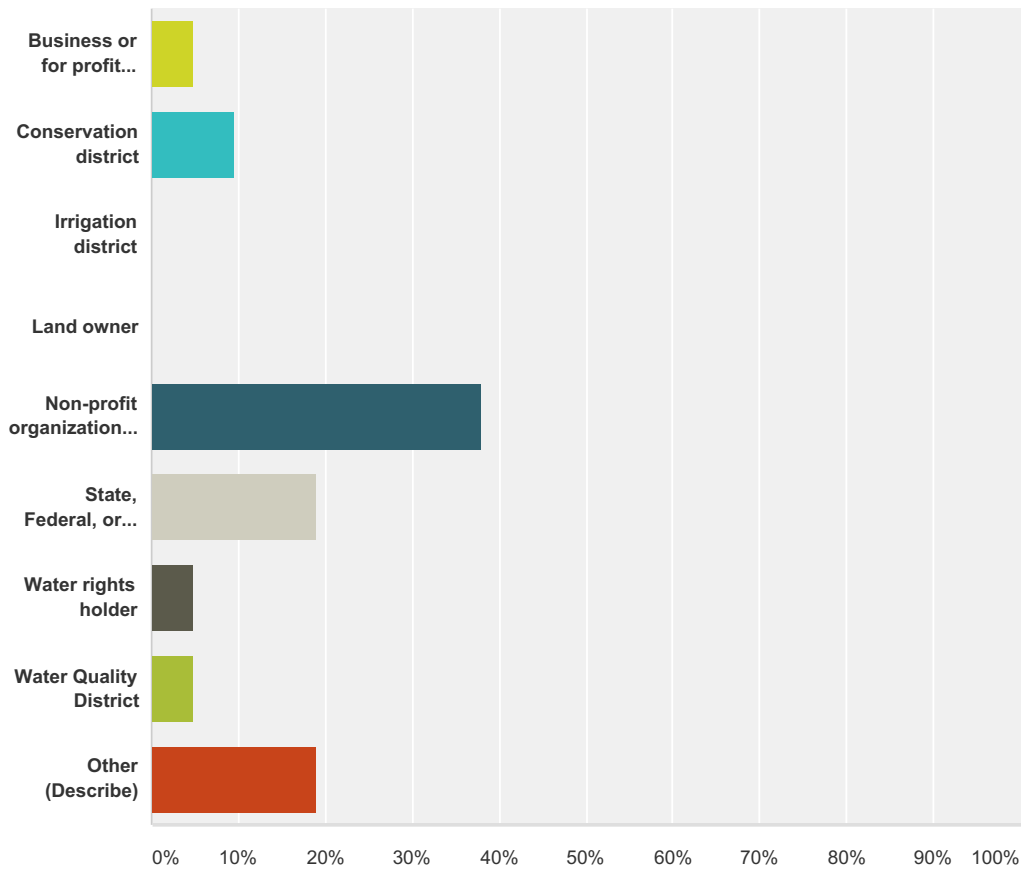
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	95.24%	20
No	4.76%	1
Total		21

Q3 Which of these options best characterizes your role in the basin?

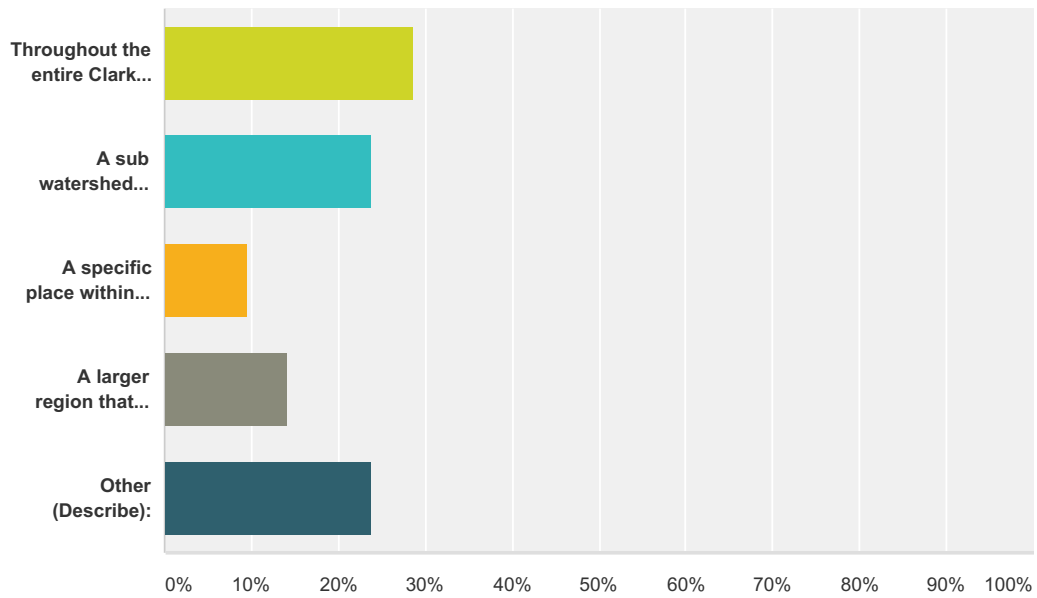
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Answer Choices	Responses
Business or for profit company	4.76% 1
Conservation district	9.52% 2
Irrigation district	0.00% 0
Land owner	0.00% 0
Non-profit organization (e.g. various citizen groups)	38.10% 8
State, Federal, or Tribal agency personnel	19.05% 4
Water rights holder	4.76% 1
Water Quality District	4.76% 1
Other (Describe)	19.05% 4
Total	21

Q4 Where do you work in relation to the Clark Fork Basin?

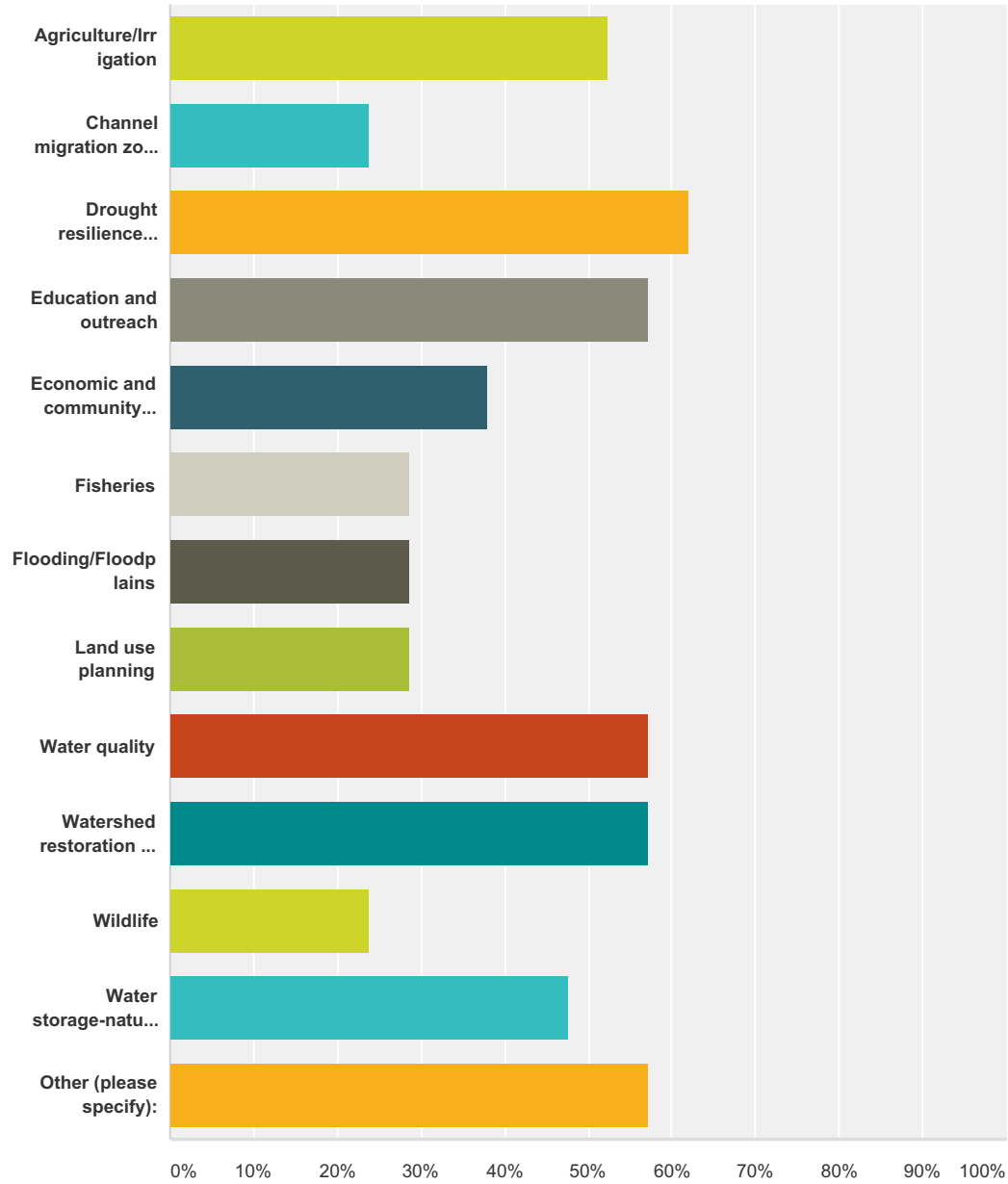
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Answer Choices	Responses
Throughout the entire Clark Fork Basin	28.57% 6
A sub watershed within the basin	23.81% 5
A specific place within the basin	9.52% 2
A larger region that includes the Clark Fork Basin	14.29% 3
Other (Describe):	23.81% 5
Total	21

Q5 What topics would you most like a basin-wide coordinating group to address: (check all that apply)

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Agriculture/Irrigation	52.38% 11
Channel migration zone mapping and management	23.81% 5
Drought resilience strategy	61.90% 13
Education and outreach	57.14% 12
Economic and community development	38.10% 8

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Fisheries	28.57%	6
Flooding/Floodplains	28.57%	6
Land use planning	28.57%	6
Water quality	57.14%	12
Watershed restoration and conservation	57.14%	12
Wildlife	23.81%	5
Water storage-natural and artificial	47.62%	10
Other (please specify):	57.14%	12
Total Respondents: 21		

**Q6 Please describe the potential strengths
of a basin-wide coordinating group?**

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

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Q7 Please describe the potential weaknesses of a basin-wide coordinating group?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	I don't really see any weaknesses. The challenge will be taking the time to appreciate and understand our differences locally and find areas of common interest and strategies that can work across the larger landscape.	4/11/2016 4:30 PM
2	The Clark Fork Basin encompasses a large and diverse geographic area. It might be difficult for the group to become centered around a few common issues without being bogged down in individual agendas. It may be a challenge to get landowners/water right holders to the table.	4/11/2016 11:33 AM
3	Time and funding needed to sustain the coordinating group.	4/8/2016 1:09 PM
4	Much restoration and on-the-ground activities take place on a localized level. A larger group could have disconnect between broad planning initiatives versus tangible on-the-ground management and project implementation.	4/8/2016 11:11 AM
5	Another level of coordinating may end up being less efficient	4/7/2016 9:11 AM
6	A lot of good ideas that never get implemented	4/6/2016 2:05 PM
7	Lack of connection to the local landowners	4/5/2016 1:23 PM
8	Just another layer and a organization for agencies to play out their agenda	4/5/2016 12:44 PM
9	over representation of some groups	4/5/2016 8:03 AM
10	There appear to be different objectives depending on where you live in the basin, particularly from the perspective of the Upper Basin, who once were coordinated through the Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee and the Clark Fork Task Force, which coordinated in the lower parts of the basin.	4/4/2016 5:35 PM
11	loss of fine detail, less able to address small-scale, unique situations	4/4/2016 8:11 AM
12	too many folks to effectively coordinate	3/31/2016 7:24 PM
13	additional work for all groups; funding to support the basin groups efforts may be in competition for funding for subbasin efforts	3/31/2016 6:38 PM
14	Need to fund a central coordinating office/person/group	3/31/2016 5:48 PM
15	The landscape is far to large to implement actual management or restoration activities.	3/31/2016 2:33 PM
16	Differentiating basin-level from watershed-level interests	3/31/2016 1:08 PM
17	Competing interests or lack of defined common interests.	3/31/2016 12:57 PM
18	lack of focus or potentially significant tasks to accomplish as a group	3/31/2016 11:40 AM
19	Lack of financial support to implement objectives.	3/31/2016 11:30 AM

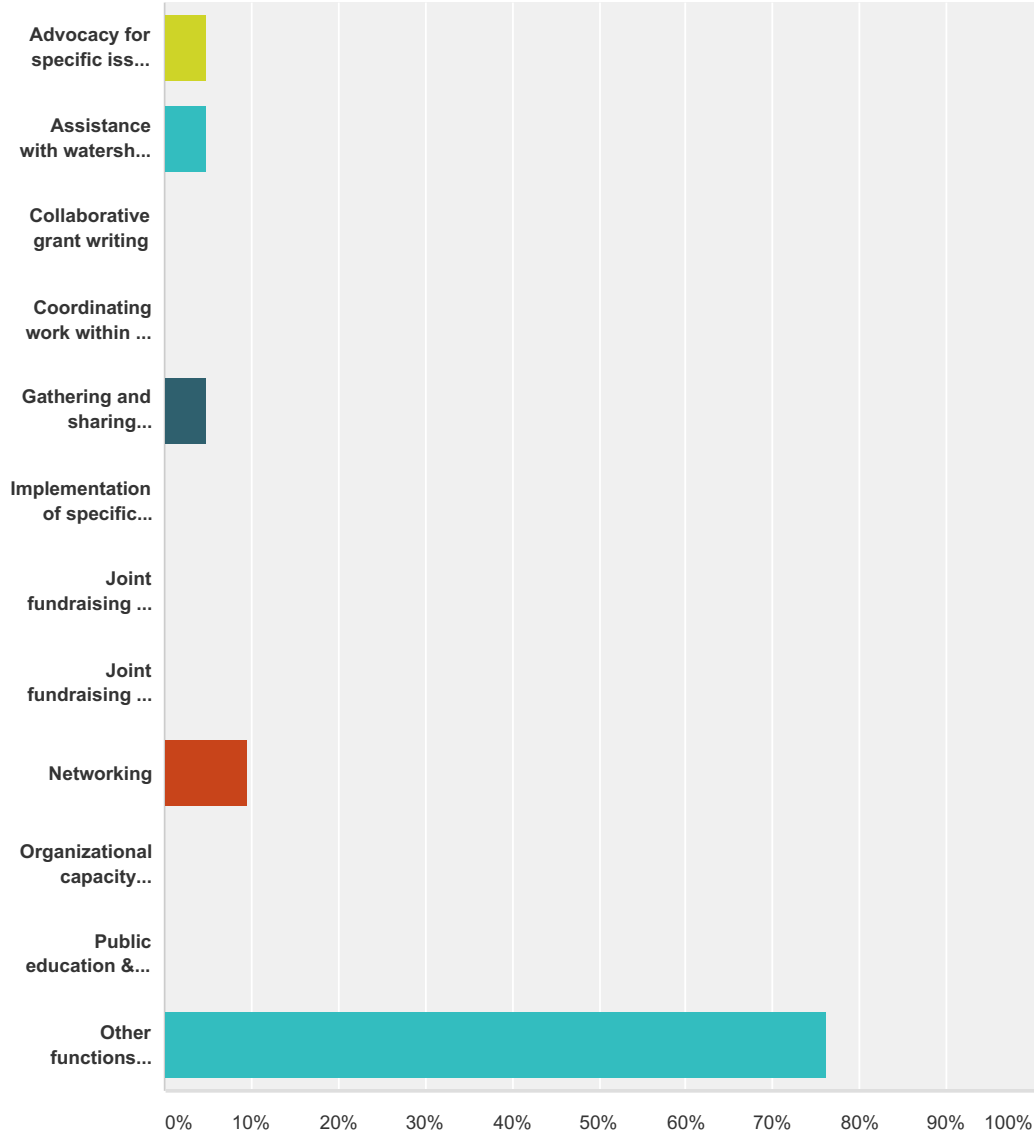
Q8 In the best-case scenario, what do you think a basin-wide coordinating group could accomplish in the next 5 years?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Basin-wide education about drought as well as basin-wide drought resiliency strategies. A regular system for communication among groups that normally work in local/regional silos. A vehicle for providing professional education and training on watershed stewardship topics that apply across the basin.	4/11/2016 4:30 PM
2	In the next 5 years, the Clark Fork Task Force would be successful in my mind if it garners interest and engagement from a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional stakeholders who agree on and then execute concrete strategies to tackle drought resiliency on a basin-wide and sub-basin scale.	4/11/2016 11:33 AM
3	Improvements in participating groups' capacity, programs, and achievements. More attention and action by public and legislature on issues of concern to the group.	4/8/2016 1:09 PM
4	Provide meaningful support for local efforts and linking them to a broader watershed management context. Leverage funds to increase work throughout the entire basin.	4/8/2016 11:11 AM
5	I see the group as more of a information sharing between existing groups and potentially identifying gaps in needs. So the accomplishment in 5 years would be a coordinated network of watershed groups and interests involved in meeting the recommendations of the CF&K BAC	4/7/2016 9:11 AM
6	The topics in #5 above each have issues that need to be addressed. Time does not allow me to start the list.	4/6/2016 2:05 PM
7	Nothing	4/5/2016 1:23 PM
8	nothing of any use to the upper Clark Fork	4/5/2016 12:44 PM
9	A comprehensive understanding of water issues that we face	4/5/2016 8:03 AM
10	1) Get concurrence on a drought management plan; 2) get concurrence on the design and implementation of instream flow projects that protect natural resources and the interests of the other users/stakeholders;	4/4/2016 5:35 PM
11	assess current state, prepare plan for future	4/4/2016 8:11 AM
12	policy changes	3/31/2016 7:24 PM
13	working for the implementation of some of the key recommendations in the basin water plan; educate the legislature about key issues affecting the Clark Fork basin;	3/31/2016 6:38 PM
14	Organization of the basin regarding overall education, coordination of input from within the basin, and influencing related legislation and regulatory activity	3/31/2016 5:48 PM
15	Education and information outreach, both directly to the basin community or exchanges transferred back to sub-basins. This may be an excellent	3/31/2016 2:33 PM
16	Collaboration and increased resources. Proof is in the outcome. If it has a role and is effective in that role.	3/31/2016 1:08 PM
17	Defining and pursuing several common interests for policy changes.	3/31/2016 12:57 PM
18	I'm not sure yet	3/31/2016 11:40 AM
19	Report and advocate for progress on implementation of the state water plan.	3/31/2016 11:30 AM

Q9 What functions would you like to have a basin-wide coordinating group perform? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Advocacy for specific issues in areas of interest to all members	4.76% 1
Assistance with watershed planning	4.76% 1
Collaborative grant writing	0.00% 0
Coordinating work within the basin	0.00% 0
Gathering and sharing information on topics of interest	4.76% 1
Implementation of specific projects	0.00% 0

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Joint fundraising for projects	0.00%	0
Joint fundraising for coordination of the Clark Fork Basin activities	0.00%	0
Networking	9.52%	2
Organizational capacity building	0.00%	0
Public education & outreach	0.00%	0
Other functions (please specify):	76.19%	16
Total		21

Q10 What are the challenges that may interfere with the success of a basin-wide coordinating group?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	As mentioned above -- just getting to know the different perspectives and issues we face at the local level. And funding ... always funding.	4/11/2016 4:30 PM
2	See answer to no. 7. In addition, funding has always been a challenge for the CFTF. The TF may need to decide to form a 501(c)(3) in order to facilitate more diverse funding.	4/11/2016 11:33 AM
3	Participants lack of time, lack of funding to support the basin-wide group and travel expenses, differences in purpose/mission of the participating groups.	4/8/2016 1:09 PM
4	It's a relatively large area and there is variation in local needs. There are times when coordination is not necessary and investing time in a basin-wide group could distract from on-the-ground work/localize and tangible efforts.	4/8/2016 11:11 AM
5	Time, money, participation	4/7/2016 9:11 AM
6	Funding & direct input to the governor and legislature. Participation of major water users and people who have water management expertise	4/6/2016 2:05 PM
7	Duplication of efforts currently being performed	4/5/2016 1:23 PM
8	local groups don't need it	4/5/2016 12:44 PM
9	Participation & political validation	4/5/2016 8:03 AM
10	Conflicting interests incapable of giving a little to get something out of the coordination.	4/4/2016 5:35 PM
11	additional work for the members of the group, travel, "turf protection"	4/4/2016 8:11 AM
12	lack of dnrc support	3/31/2016 7:24 PM
13	finding funding; keeping members motivated to take on this additional work	3/31/2016 6:38 PM
14	Lack of central knowledgeable coordinator and lack of influence with state agencies	3/31/2016 5:48 PM
15	Identifying representatives for all of the geographic and water related special interests in the basin (including multiple city, county, conservation district govenacnes) while maintaining a committee size that is not overwhelming.	3/31/2016 2:33 PM
16	Lack of a common vision and standard operating procedures	3/31/2016 1:08 PM
17	Whether membership is representative of public needs and concerns or if it is special interests	3/31/2016 12:57 PM
18	lack of focus, unporoductive long meetings	3/31/2016 11:40 AM
19	Lack of funding and organization.	3/31/2016 11:30 AM

Q11 What are the potential opportunities for a basin-wide coordinating group?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	As a group, we have some power in fundraising together. We also have the chance to impact much greater conservation results when working better together across our connected watersheds.	4/11/2016 4:30 PM
2	There is an opportunity for meaningful collaboration and for finding issues that diverse stakeholders can agree to work together on.	4/11/2016 11:33 AM
3	Opportunities addressed in above responses.	4/8/2016 1:09 PM
4	Could provide meaningful support and fit restoration efforts into a broader context.	4/8/2016 11:11 AM
5	Information sharing	4/7/2016 9:11 AM
6	The Clark Fork Task Force has a long list of accomplishments during the last 15 years. The grass roots approach made huge progress. The legislation that was proposed all passed.	4/6/2016 2:05 PM
7	None	4/5/2016 1:23 PM
8	A place for agency agendas to play out	4/5/2016 12:44 PM
9	opportunity to give valuable input to our lawmaking bodies	4/5/2016 8:03 AM
10	Get a disparate group working together on a common strategy -- that would be quite an achievement in the best interests of the long term sustainability of the watershed and basin.	4/4/2016 5:35 PM
11	broaden the scope of lessons learned, become the glue that binds sub-areas together	4/4/2016 8:11 AM
12	lots of issues to work on -- pick one and make some progress	3/31/2016 7:24 PM
13	get to work on the key recommendations of the basin water plan before they are forgotten, and before the problems get too severe to solve;	3/31/2016 6:38 PM
14	See number 6	3/31/2016 5:48 PM
15	If consensus can be found such a group could have huge influences on the water related issues of the region.	3/31/2016 2:33 PM
16	Increase competitiveness for resources that can be applied to activities in the basin	3/31/2016 1:08 PM
17	Changing policy.	3/31/2016 12:57 PM
18	increasing communication among various parties and interests, potential to accomplish something specific of interest to all parties.	3/31/2016 11:40 AM
19	Vast resource of volunteer leaders in the watershed community.	3/31/2016 11:30 AM

Q12 If you have any general comments about your interest in or concerns about participation in a basin-wide coordinating entity, please share here.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 10

#	Responses	Date
1	I'm looking forward to exploring this opportunity. Thank you for initiating and supporting this effort.	4/8/2016 1:09 PM
2	Senator Dave Wanzonried amended the Montana state code requiring that the CFTF be used as a model to develop 3 more counsels to cover the whole state. The counsels would be state funded and would report directly to the legislature. This legislation has so far been ignored.	4/6/2016 2:05 PM
3	Should be organized through CD's	4/5/2016 1:23 PM
4	A great waste of time & resources. It was of great interest to my organization that you had to scramble at the last minute to try & identify the DC leadership a s you never had considered including them until you were called on it.	4/5/2016 12:44 PM
5	Certain foundations like Kendeda are interested in such watershed community efforts	3/31/2016 6:38 PM
6	Participation depends on how work matches the interests of the Flathead Lakers Organization and how much influence the group has.	3/31/2016 5:48 PM
7	While at DNRC, I wrote, at the Governor's request the draft statute for the Clark Fork Task Force. The focus was future water supply and management. There is much that can be implemented under that past plan, which frankly is a bit more specific that the new State Water Plan. However, I wonder if linking to that old statute might be a liability too. The geographic focus was only the Clark Fork with special interest on legal water availability constraints related to downstream hydropower. The existing statute fails to address concern of the Kootenia basin. If the regional basin group wishes to stay linked to a specific statutory mission the group would be wise to re-examine and potentially amend that statutory directive. I also wonder if this group and commitment to a Clark Fork / Kootenia group might weaken the participation in the Montana Watershed Coordination Council.	3/31/2016 2:33 PM
8	Question #9 only allowed for one answer. Need clearly defined early successes.	3/31/2016 1:08 PM
9	Are we deviating from the state appointed roles and objectives?	3/31/2016 11:30 AM