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UPPER COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANT CENTER



**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
IN BUSINESS!**

***IF OUR EXPERIENCE
WORKING WITH NATIVE PLANTS
SINCE 1975
CAN HELP YOU CONSERVE, PROTECT, OR
IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS,
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WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT US AT THE UPPER COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANT CENTER



The UCEPC, located in the beautiful surroundings of Meeker, Colorado.

About Us

The Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center (UCEPC) is a non-profit facility owned and operated by two soil conservation districts in northwest Colorado. The 269 acre center is located at an elevation of 6,500 feet with 16 inches of annual precipitation and a 90 day frost free growing season. Our service area includes mountains, deserts, and plateaus of the Rocky Mountain west.



'Arriba'
Western Wheatgrass



'San Luis'
Slender Wheatgrass

Our Goal

The Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center works to ensure an improved quality of life for people and those affected by human activities. We provide quality plant materials and associated technology to those engaged in natural resource management. Each of us understands the importance of plants in our lives. From a golf course fairway to a forested mountain; a houseplant to an alpine meadow. Plants and their successful management, affect our quality of life. It is our mission to conserve or improve environmental conditions through the wise use of plants.

Garnet



Mountain
Brome

High Priority Areas

Presently, there are many plant species and projects at the UCEPC which our Technical Advisory Committee has identified as providing substantial benefit for resource conservation. These projects fall into one of five identified High Priority Areas:

- Revegetation of high altitude and disturbed land
- Increased productivity of rangeland and pastures
- Improved water quality
- Wildlife habitat
- Use of native plants in xeriscape and horticulture

Our Purpose

The UCEPC is unique in that it is the highest elevation center within the Plant Materials system. A vital need was identified over 25 years ago within NRCS and among many NRCS customers for plant materials and associated technology for high elevations uses.



The UCEPC was also strategically placed near the world's largest deposit of oil bearing shales, and within an area rich in other mineral deposits. The area is also home to the world's largest concentration of mule deer and elk, which made for considerable interest in providing quality plant materials for revegetation uses related to energy extraction activities.