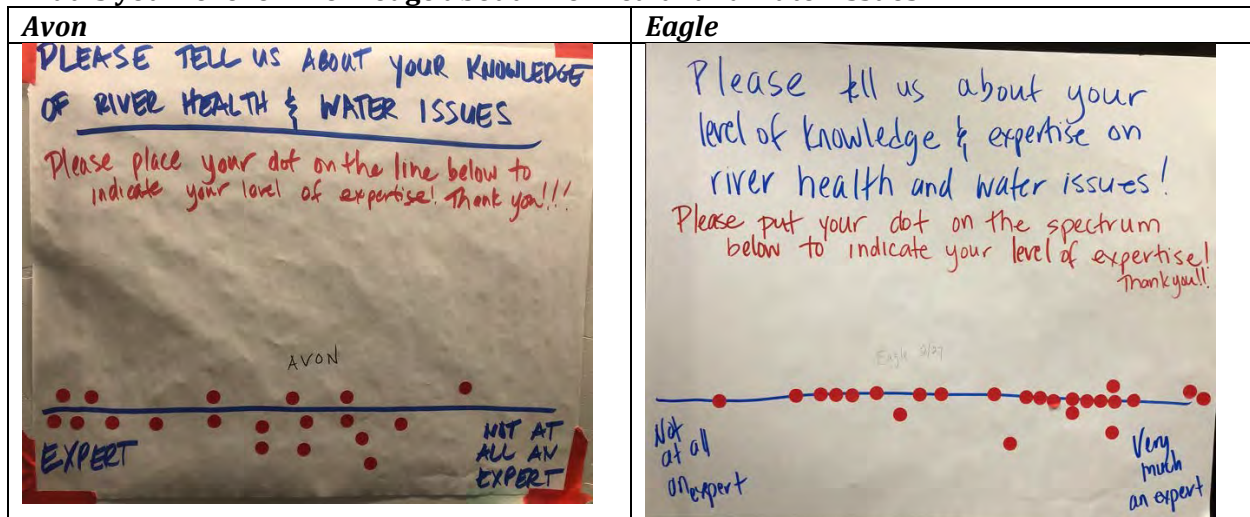


**Eagle River Community Water Plan  
Community Meetings  
February 21 (Avon) and February 27 (Eagle)  
Summary – DRAFT**

**What is your level of knowledge about river health and water issues?**



**What do you love about the Eagle River?**

**Avon**

- Fishing and rafting on the lower Eagle between Wolcott and Gypsum
- Recreation (rafting and fishing)
- When spring runoff is in full swing and you can see, for a moment, the wilderness of this precious resource
- It is the heart of our Valley and a great source of recreation and beauty
- Water is life—clean water is important for healthy communities

**Eagle**

- Its sheer beauty!
- Ecological importance
- Its beauty and the biodiversity that it supports
- The recreational uses it provides
- Its direct relation to our communities—it is right in the heart of them
- The wildlife it supports!
- The fish
- The support it provides to agriculture
- Water is the lifeblood of the Valley
- Its scenery
- Rafting and fishing
- Its historic role and character for our valley

**What concerns do you have about the Eagle River?**

**Avon**

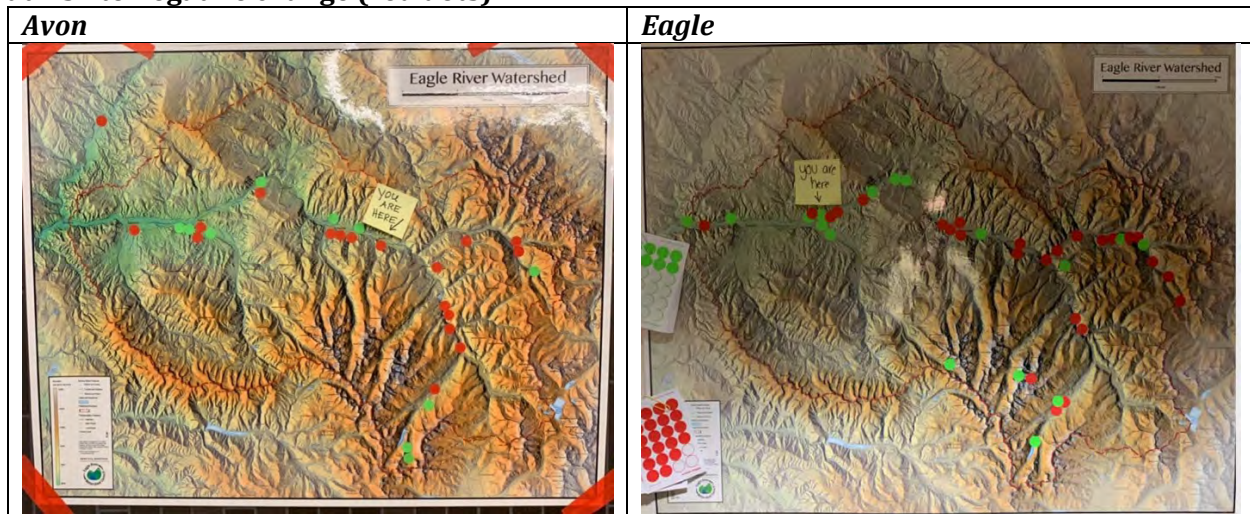
- Homestake Creek, Homestake Reservoir, Holy Cross Wilderness, Beaver Creek
- Low flow
- Fish/bug and wildlife health
- Pollution
- Development

- I-70 expansion
- Trans-mountain diversions
- Lower basin openness and over-development
- Urban runoff from all our communities
- Eagle White Water Park
- Lack of water needed to support local food systems
- The impact of the continued growth in the Valley on the quality and quantity of water—especially with climate change and its impact on water flows
- The depletion of river health from recreational use and the impact on the livelihoods of the people who depends on the river

**Eagle**

- The impact of future development
- Storm drainage and sediment loading
- Unregulated commercial fishing and rafting
- Trans-mountain diversions
- Climate change and its impact on the amount of water we will have in the future
- Overuse—for residential, recreation, and everything
- Excessive recreation and degradation to the riparian corridor
- The impact of the new water park
- Overuse but also access
- Water quality and overuse
- Development encroaching on the river
- The balance of access and preservation
- Aquatic insect health and system drainage
- Fish
- Protecting riparian areas and the overuse of water
- How to keep enough water in the river
- Water quality

**What areas are particularly important to you (green dots), and what areas do you think are at risk to negative change (red dots)?**



**Additional Comments or Ideas**

- There should be a community discussion (beers, brains, and brats) about agriculture (water conservation, compost, etc.).