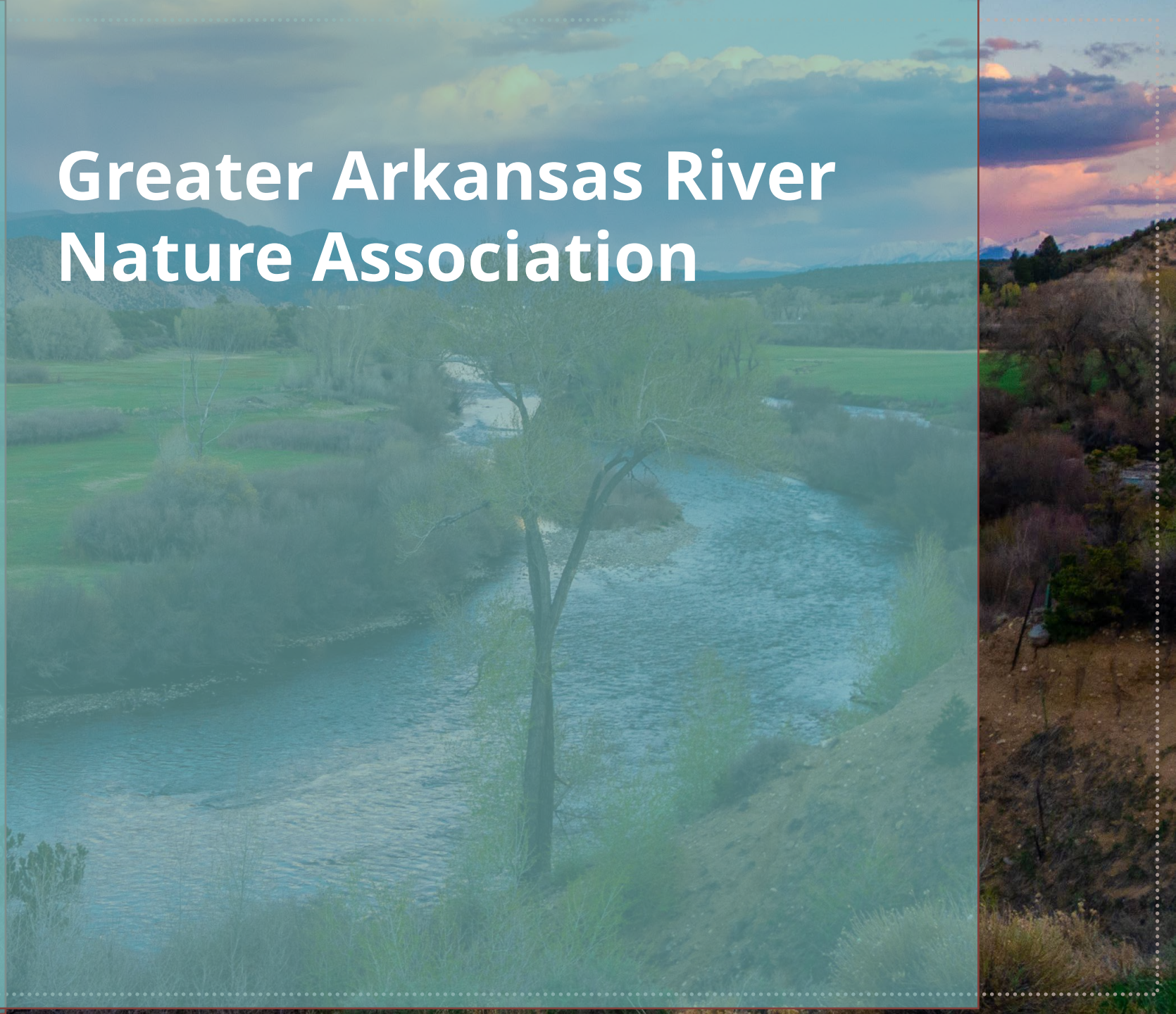




Greater Arkansas River Nature Association





Mission Statement:

GARNA, through community collaboration, inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment.



GARNA's Pillars:

- Friends of Public Lands
- Environmental Education
- Sustainability
- Heritage



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Authority of the Resource

The Authority of the Resource technique is an approach to handle undesirable behavior in protected areas.

1. Give an objective statement (give benefit of the doubt)
2. Provide the “why” of the action impact on the resource
3. Educate what can be done to improve the situation



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