



GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT

Environmental Approach to Water Supply Reliability

Denver Water is preparing for the needs of tomorrow while respecting the environment, enhancing water use efficiency, and working collaboratively with our neighbors.

Unprecedented Steps to Enhance Our Watersheds

- Environmental Pool (5,000 acre-feet): provides an enhanced stream flow in South Boulder Creek during low flow periods, benefitting 17 miles of aquatic habitat
- Western Slope: constructed the Berthoud Pass sedimentation pond, which removes tons of road sand and gravel annually to improve quality and clarity of Fraser River
- Making available 1,000 acre-feet of water each year from Denver Water's share of the Fraser River for environmental purposes in Grand County, at times and locations requested by Grand County. Denver Water also will release an additional 1,000 acre-feet from Williams Fork Reservoir under specified conditions at the request of Grand County

Other Actions to Enhance Watersheds in Addition to Gross Reservoir Expansion Project

- Providing \$16.5 million for the From Forests to Faucets partnership, to be matched by the U.S. Forest Service (total of \$33 million), for forest health initiatives in our watersheds
- Platte River Recovery Implementation Program: Denver Water works with other agencies to combine their multiple resources to restore and protect habitat for whooping crane and other endangered species

