



**Notice of Kremmling Board of Trustees Work Session**  
Kremmling Area Chamber of Commerce, 203 Park Ave, Kremmling,  
CO 80459

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 6:00 PM

Work Sessions or “Board Workshops” are open to the public for in-person attendance. No minutes will be taken, no decisions will be made, and the meeting will not be recorded. If you require special accommodations, please contact [townclerk@townofkremmling.org](mailto:townclerk@townofkremmling.org).

**Agenda**

**Correspondence**

- Grand County Airport Memorandum
- McElroy Airfield Pavement Reconstruction Notice
- Colorado Department of Transportation Comprehensive 10-Year Transportation Plan
- Statewide Transit Pass Report Draft & Public Comment Opportunity
- Public Meeting Notice Regarding Mysis Shrimp Study at Grand Lake
- Upper Colorado State of the River Presentation from the Colorado River District

**Discussion Items**

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Proposed Activity North of Kremmling 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.\*
- Water Update 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.\*
- Mosquito Mitigation Plan Update 6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.\*

**Future Meetings:**

- Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: June 17, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Trustees Work Session: July 1, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce
- Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: July 15, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce



# Grand County

## AIRPORTS

### Memorandum

**To:** Grand County Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Shawn Mahorney, Airports Supervisor

**Re:** Elevated Excavating Contract Agreement

**Date:** 05/19/2026

Board of County Commissioners,

#### Executive Summary

The upcoming year is shaping up to be one of the most active in recent history for Grand County's aviation infrastructure. With three major capital improvement projects scheduled, a significant volume of lease renewals, and rising traffic projections, the airports are positioned for a high-impact year of growth and modernization.

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#### Key Capital Projects for 2026

We are moving forward with three critical infrastructure upgrades designed to improve safety, security, and operational efficiency:

- **Apron Rehabilitation:** This project will address aging pavement surfaces to ensure the structural integrity of our aircraft parking and staging areas.
- **Blast Fence Upgrade:** Essential for protecting ground equipment and personnel from high-velocity jet engine exhaust, specifically accommodating the larger aircraft we have seen in recent seasons.
- **New Hydraulic Gate:** This installation will modernize our perimeter security, providing more reliable, automated access control for authorized personnel and emergency services.

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#### Lease Management & Airport Growth

Management is currently processing **17 (seventeen) Hangar Lease Renewals**. This represents a substantial portion of our hangar inventory and provides a timely opportunity to ensure all tenants are aligned with current county standards.

**Use Projections:** Early data trends indicate a **projected increase in airport usage** compared to past years. This growth is driven by increased regional tourism and a rise in private-sector business aviation, underscoring the need for the infrastructure investments listed above.

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### Discussion Topic: Hangar Insurance Requirements

As we finalize the pending renewals, we seek direction from the Board regarding **Liability Insurance Limits** for hangar tenants.

### Staff Research & Peer Airport Analysis

To ensure our recommendations are grounded in industry reality, Staff conducted extensive research into peer airports across the Rocky Mountain region (including Garfield, Routt, and Eagle Counties). Our findings include:

- **Market Standards:** A \$1,000,000 limit remains the baseline for many rural airports.
- **Availability Gap:** Research confirms a "gap" in the aviation insurance market. Many providers offer "smooth" \$1M policies or jump directly to \$2M+ (Commercial Policy), making a \$1.5M requirement potentially difficult or disproportionately expensive for small-aircraft owners to source.
- **Liability Alignment:** Staff looked at how other Colorado counties balance general "Commercial" requirements against "Non-Commercial" hangar storage. Most peer airports maintain a distinction between commercial FBO operators and private hangar residents.

### Points for Consideration

- **Risk Profile:** Balancing County protection against the financial burden on local pilots.
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### Airport Engineering Services

Grand County is currently **Requesting Qualifications from Engineering Consultant Firms** starting 2027 and services ending in up to 5 years.

Consultant submission deadlines will be June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 with a consultant firm being selected no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> 2026.

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**Next Steps:** Airport Management will provide a detailed timeline for the Apron Rehab and Gate projects at the future meetings. We remain available to answer any questions regarding the pending lease renewals.

Respectfully,  
Shawn Mahorney, Grand County Airports Supervisor

# PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION NOTICE

McElroy Airfield (20V) - Kremmling, CO

## RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Major Construction Beginning:

# JUNE 8TH

**Tentative Paved Completion Date: Mid-July**

**RAMP CLOSED - LIMITED RUNWAY ACCESS**

### OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Starting June 8th, the airport will begin significant reconstruction operations. During this phase, the **main ramp will be completely closed** to aircraft traffic.

### RUNWAY ACCESS (NON-PAVED ONLY)

The runway will remain open; however, **Taxiway Alpha 3 will be closed** for reconstruction. Access to the runway is strictly **limited to non-paved areas**. **Pilots are responsible for determining the suitability of non-paved surfaces for their specific aircraft.**

### SERVICE & ACCESS UPDATES

**FUEL SERVICES will be UNAVAILABLE at the start of construction.**

**Fuel Availability:** Once the first half of the project (from the Runway/Alpha 3 to the FBO) is complete, **fuel services** will become available again.

**T-Hangar Access:** Paved access for T-hangar tenants will also be restored upon the completion of this first project phase.

### Relocation to Granby-Grand County (GNB)

Permanent tie-down space is available at Granby Airport for tenants who require paved surface access during these operations.

**Shawn Mahorney**

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Department of Transportation

May 21, 2026

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## CDOT Unveils Transportation Plan for Next 10 Years

### Plan is a Comprehensive Roadmap to Fix Roads, Advance Safety and Increase Transportation Choice

**Statewide** — The Colorado Department of Transportation has formally approved its comprehensive 10-Year Plan for over 250 projects across the state. This comprehensive plan serves as an action-oriented investment strategy roadmap, designed to enhance the state's economy, preserve the quality of life for all residents and ensure a more connected and efficient transportation network for the next decade.

“This 10-Year Plan is part of our firm commitment to a safer, more connected future for every Coloradan,” said Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “This plan was developed through countless conversations with Colorado residents, local elected officials, technical experts and many others dedicated to improving Colorado’s roads. Even in a time of limited financial resources, this plan reflects the unique landscape of our state, helps to maintain and enhance our roads and bridges and improves safety for every member of the traveling public. We can make a meaningful improvement to fix our roads, make them safer and give people more and better choices for getting around.”

CDOT’s most recent 10-Year Plan has already delivered measurable progress in improving pavement conditions across the state. Recent performance trends show steady gains in the percentage of roadways in good condition and continued reductions in those in poor condition. These results demonstrate that sustained, strategic investment is moving the

projects include pavement work.

The 10-Year Plan is a targeted subset of the broader [Statewide Transportation Plan](#), helping translate the long-term vision of the recently updated Statewide Transportation Plan into a clear, measurable pipeline of priority projects throughout Colorado. Focusing on near- and mid-term implementation, the 10-Year Plan provides transparency into how state funds are allocated and how each project aligns with the evolving transportation needs of the state.

The strategy of the 10-Year Plan is built around the Colorado Department of Transportation's three core pillars that will guide investment decisions the next decade:

- **Fix our roads:** Prioritizing significantly improving infrastructure conditions through the repair or replacement of aging bridges and miles of roadway across every region.
- **Advance transportation safety:** Implementing critical safety projects to help ensure that every traveler arrives at their destination securely, regardless of their mode of travel.
- **Sustainably increase transportation choices:** Expanding multimodal connections and providing viable alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.

Key initiatives within this 10-Year Plan include the Colorado Mountain Rail and Front Range Passenger Rail projects, which are designed to sustainably enhance transportation options by developing a passenger rail network that connects mountain towns and Front Range communities with Denver. These rail initiatives leverage existing infrastructure to meet increasing demand for efficient and safe travel alternatives in Colorado.

Additionally, the Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit project will implement 18 miles of dedicated infrastructure and stations from 120th Avenue to Dartmouth Avenue, providing high-frequency transit while supporting essential pedestrian and bicycle facilities in a busy urban commuting environment.

On the eastern plains, the I-70 Concrete Reconstruction project from Genoa to Arriba will improve safety and long-term highway durability by reconstructing several miles of poorly rated pavement on one of the state's most critical freight corridors, resulting in a more reliable and smooth ride for travelers.

In the mountains, the I-70 Glenwood Canyon Critical Asset Repair project will focus on the most deteriorated sections of the corridor, replacing guardrails with modern systems that meet current crash testing standards to help ensure the long-term reliability of this vital interstate link. These are just some examples of a large portfolio of over 250 projects that represent CDOT's commitment to fixing our roads, advancing transportation safety and sustainably expanding multimodal investments across the state.

“Our investment strategy allows us to continue our commitment to serve all Coloradans,

Development. "These over 250 projects reflect a truly statewide vision and directly address the diverse transportation needs we heard from communities across Colorado."

The creation of this 10-Year Plan is deeply rooted in public collaboration and is a direct reflection of the people it serves. Its development was informed by an extensive and robust public outreach process that engaged local governments, transportation partners, community organizations, and thousands of individual residents. CDOT extends its deepest gratitude to every Coloradan who took the time to submit comments, participate in town hall meetings, and share their priorities. This collaborative feedback from across the state helped ensure that this 10-Year Plan reflects the diverse needs of all of Colorado's communities, making it a truly statewide vision.

For more information on the 10-Year Plan and to view the complete project list, please visit the official CDOT [10-Year Plan website](#).

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## About CDOT

The Colorado Department of Transportation's mission is to provide the best multi-modal transportation system that most effectively and safely moves people, goods and information. CDOT maintains more than 23,000 lane miles of highway, more than 3,400 bridges and 35 mountain passes. Our team of employees works tirelessly to reduce the rate and severity of crashes and improve the safety of all modes of transportation. CDOT leverages partnerships with a range of private and public organizations and operates Bustang, an interregional express bus service. Find more details at [codot.gov](http://codot.gov).



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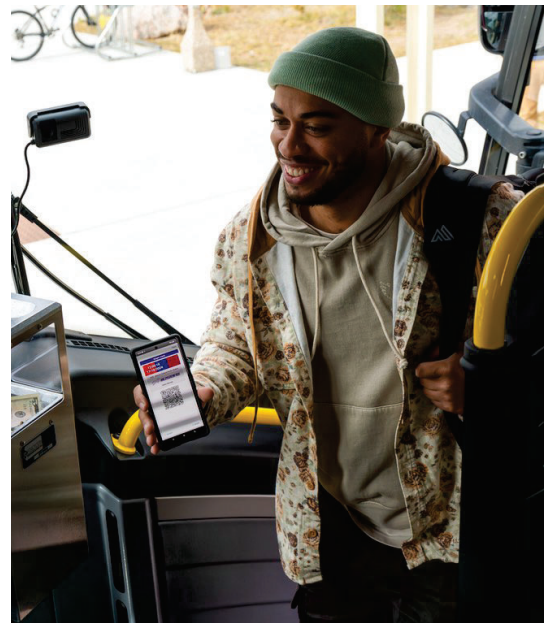
## Statewide Transit Pass Exploratory Committee

### About the The Exploratory Committee

SB24-032 created the statewide transit pass exploratory committee in the Department of Transportation to produce a viable proposal for the creation, implementation, and administration of a statewide transit pass. In conducting its work, the committee is required to consider specified issues and to solicit input from subject matter experts and interested parties across the state.

#### Key Committee deadlines:

- Committee shall produce a viable proposal for the creation, implementation and administration of a statewide transit pass, including recommendations for any necessary legislation in connection with the proposal (by July 1, 2026)



- Goal of implementing a statewide transit pass (by January 1, 2028)
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## **Committee Members**

The Exploratory Committee consists of 16 members including:

- 3 Reps from the 5 largest transit agencies in the state
- 8 Reps from a diverse group of transit agencies throughout the state, including
  - at least 1 rep from a transit agency that serves a rural, non-resort area of the state
  - at least 1 rep from a transit agency that serves one or more resort communities
- 1 Rep of an entity or interest group involved in the promotion, planning or development of passenger rail systems
- 1 Rep from an organization with a statewide perspective regarding transportation
- 2 Reps from CDOT including
  - 1 rep who is knowledgeable about CDOT's inter-regional bus service (Bustang)
  - 1 rep who is knowledgeable about CDOT's Innovative Mobility program
- 1 Rep from a disproportionately impacted (DI) community as defined in CRS24-4-109 (2)(b)(II)
- Any other members deemed necessary by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation

## **The Committee members are as follows:**

- 3 Reps from Largest Transit Agencies
  - Chris Quinn, RTD
  - Jason White, RFTA
  - Lan Rao, Mountain Metro
- 8 Reps from Diverse Transit Agencies
  - Jonathan Flint, Steamboat Springs
  - Andy Cotton, Town of Breckenridge
  - Charity Markus, SE TRAN
  - Kenneth Mooney, NECALG
  - Will Jones, City of Greeley
  - Ben Valdez, City of Pueblo

- Andrew Gingerich, Mesa County
- Kaley Zeisel, Transfort
- **DI Community Representative**
  - TBA Transit Advocate, Green Latinos
- **Statewide Perspective**
  - Karen Stuart, CDOT Transportation Commissioner
- **Passenger Rail**
  - Adam Krom, Amtrak
- **Bustang**
  - Ben Gellman, CDOT
- **CDOT's Office of Innovative Mobility**
  - Heather Pickering-Hilgers, CDOT

For public comments, [please contact us \(mailto:dot\\_innovativemobility@state.co.us?subject=Statewide Transit Pass\)](mailto:dot_innovativemobility@state.co.us?subject=Statewide Transit Pass).

## Upcoming Statewide Transit Pass Committee Meetings

TBD

### Statewide Transit Pass Report Draft

The draft of the Statewide Transit Pass Report for SB 24-032 is now open for public comment. The public comment period is open from May 26 through June 12. You can find the draft and the comment form below.

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[Public Comment Form](#)



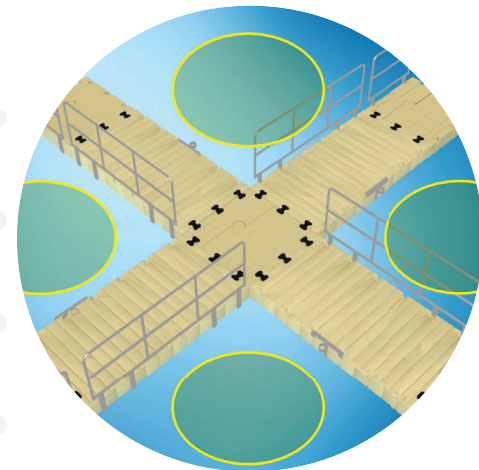
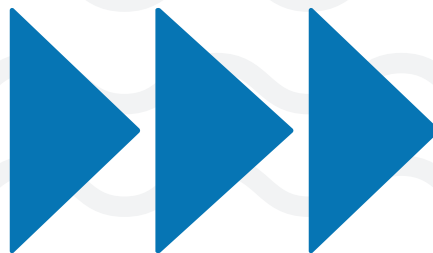
# Public Meeting

Learn more about the Mysis Shrimp Study happening this summer in Grand Lake to improve water clarity.



**Grand Lake  
Town Hall  
Community House  
June 10, 6-8 p.m.**

This summer, scientists will be conducting in-lake experiments to evaluate the effect of Mysis shrimp on water clarity. Two docks arranged in a “plus sign” with four circular structures extending more than 50 feet deep will be installed in the southeast portion of Grand Lake (*illustrated below*).



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION



THREE LAKES WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

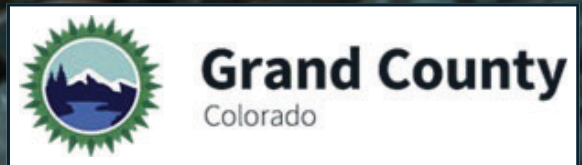


Town of Grand Lake



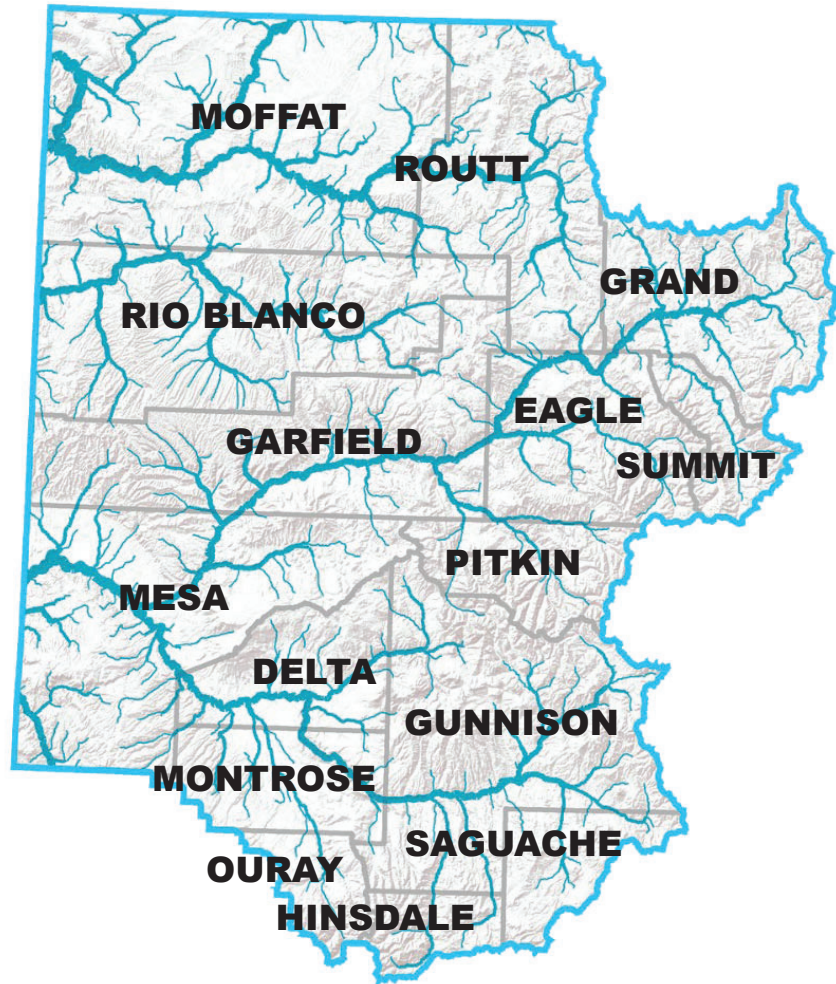
# Upper Colorado State of the River

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# State of the River *Winter Park*

## Hydrology Update

May 21, 2026

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Sam Calahan  
Water Resources Specialist



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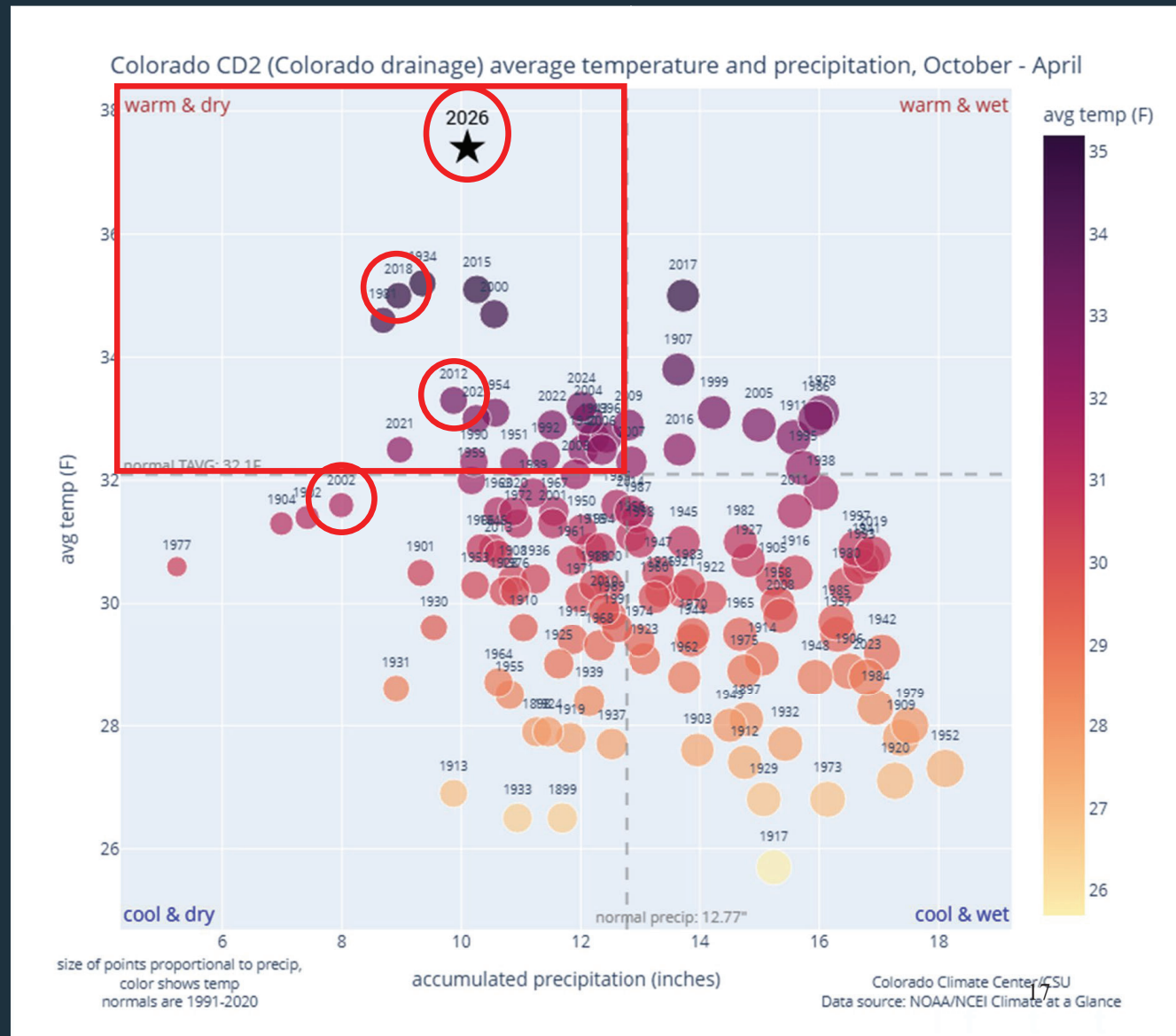
# Water Year 2026

## Warm, dry category

- 1<sup>st</sup> warmest
- 14<sup>th</sup> driest
- 132-year record

## Other Years to Consider

- 2002
- 2012
- 2018

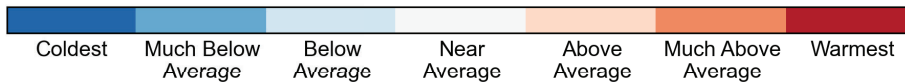
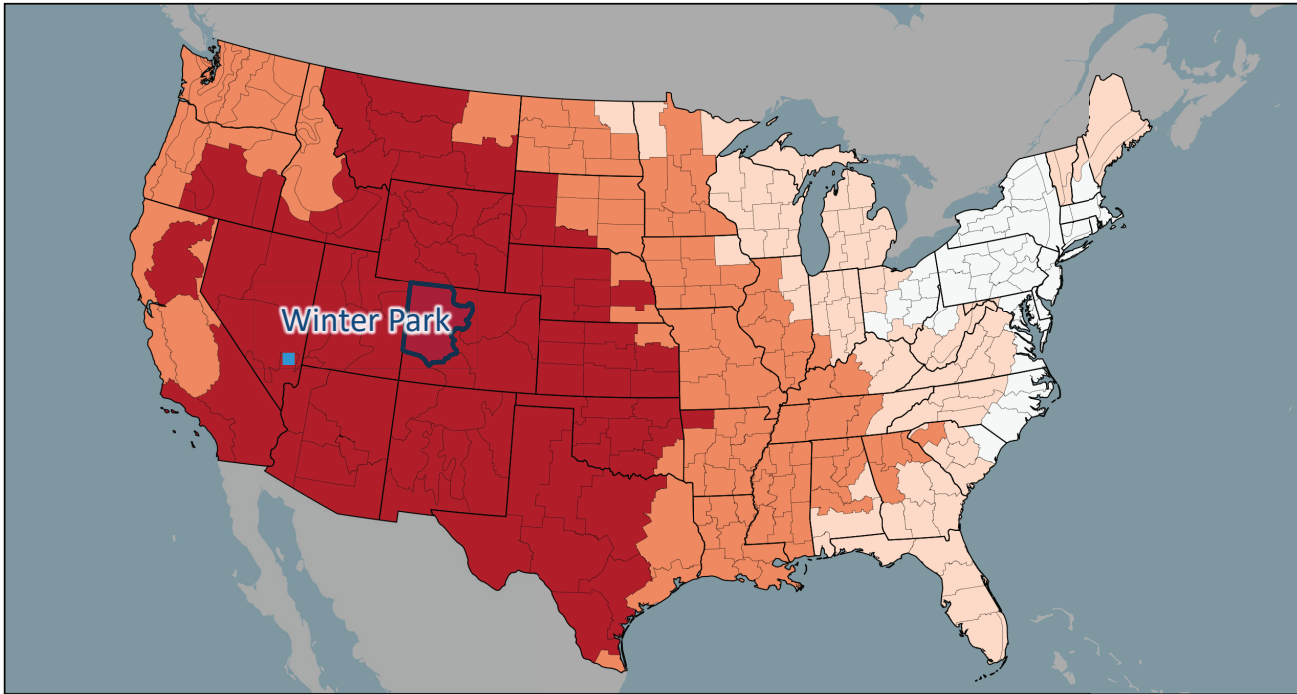


## Divisional Average Temperature Percentiles

October 2025 – March 2026

Ranking Period: 1895–2026

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information



Created: Apr 06 2026  
Source: nClimDiv-Monthly



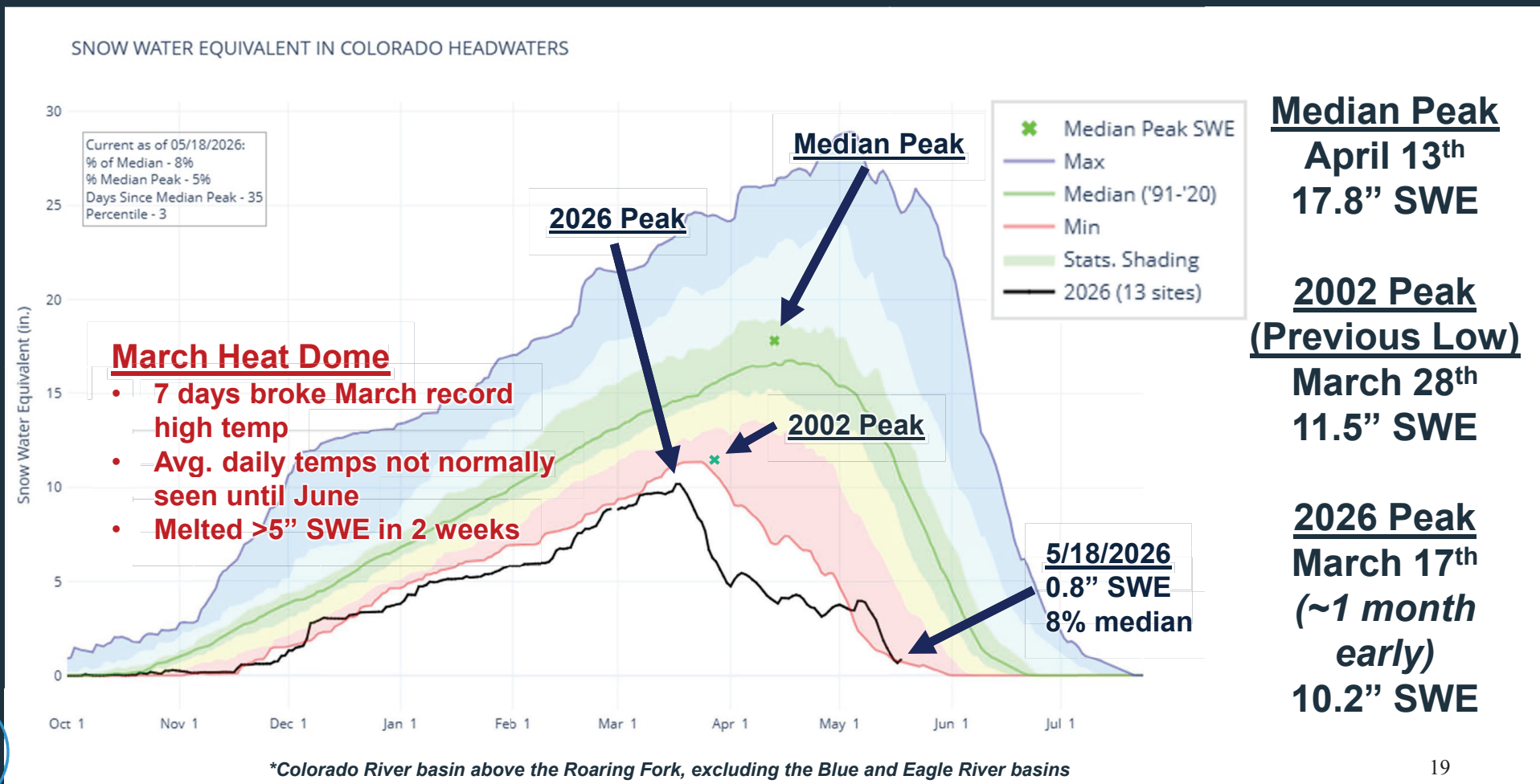
# Temperature

*“Winter basically skipped the Western United States”*

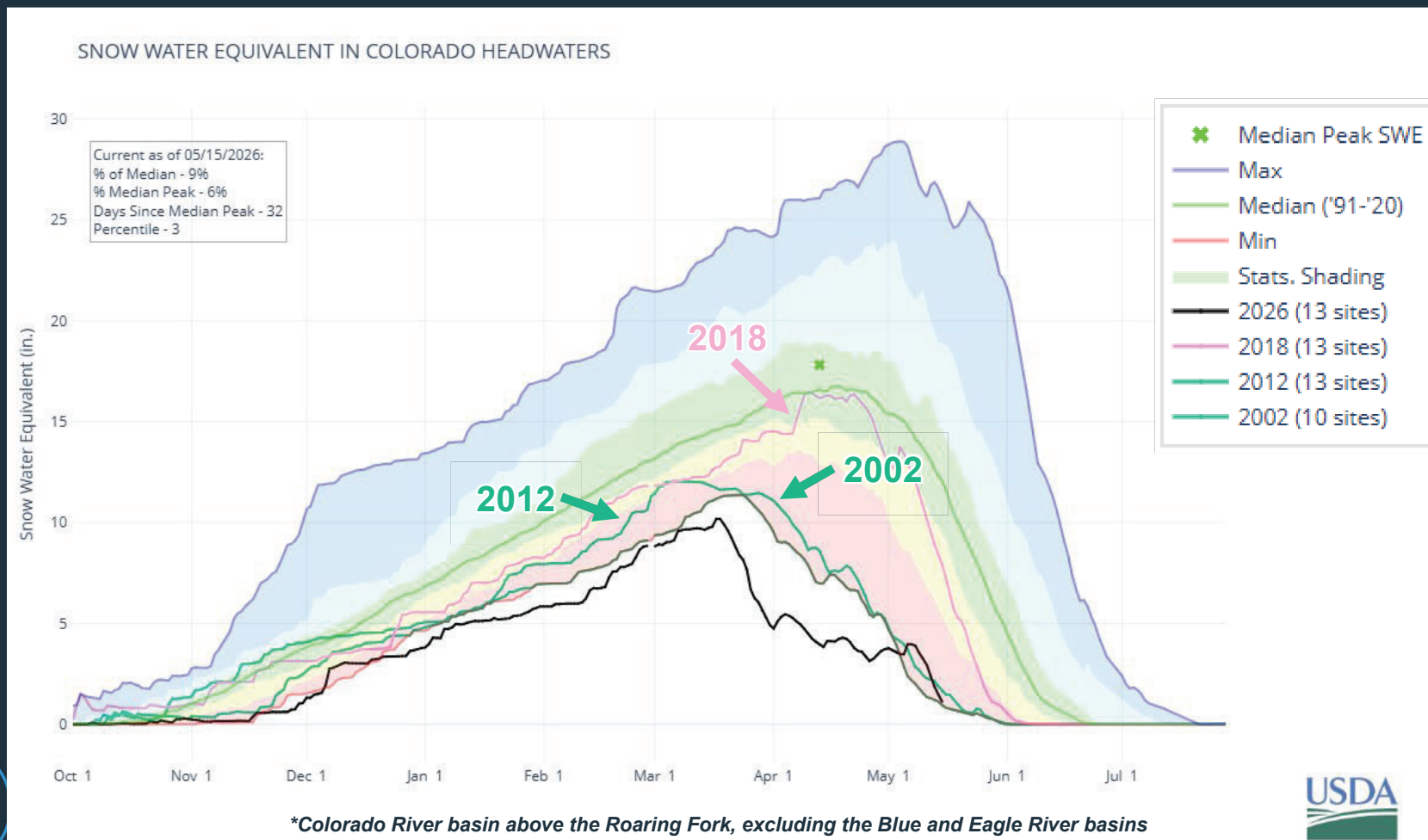
- Joe Ruch, CBS Colorado



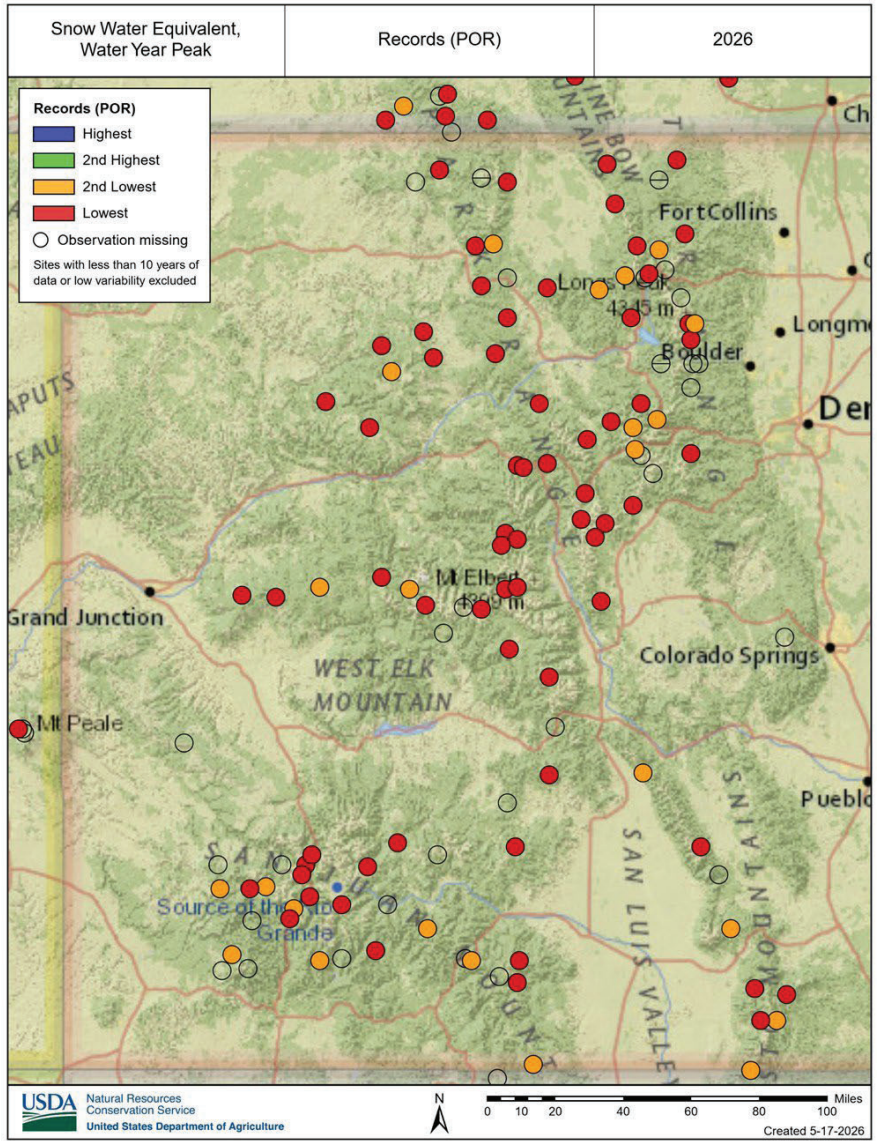
# Colorado River Headwaters\* Snowpack



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# Statewide SNOTEL Water Year Peak SWE Records



# Streamflows

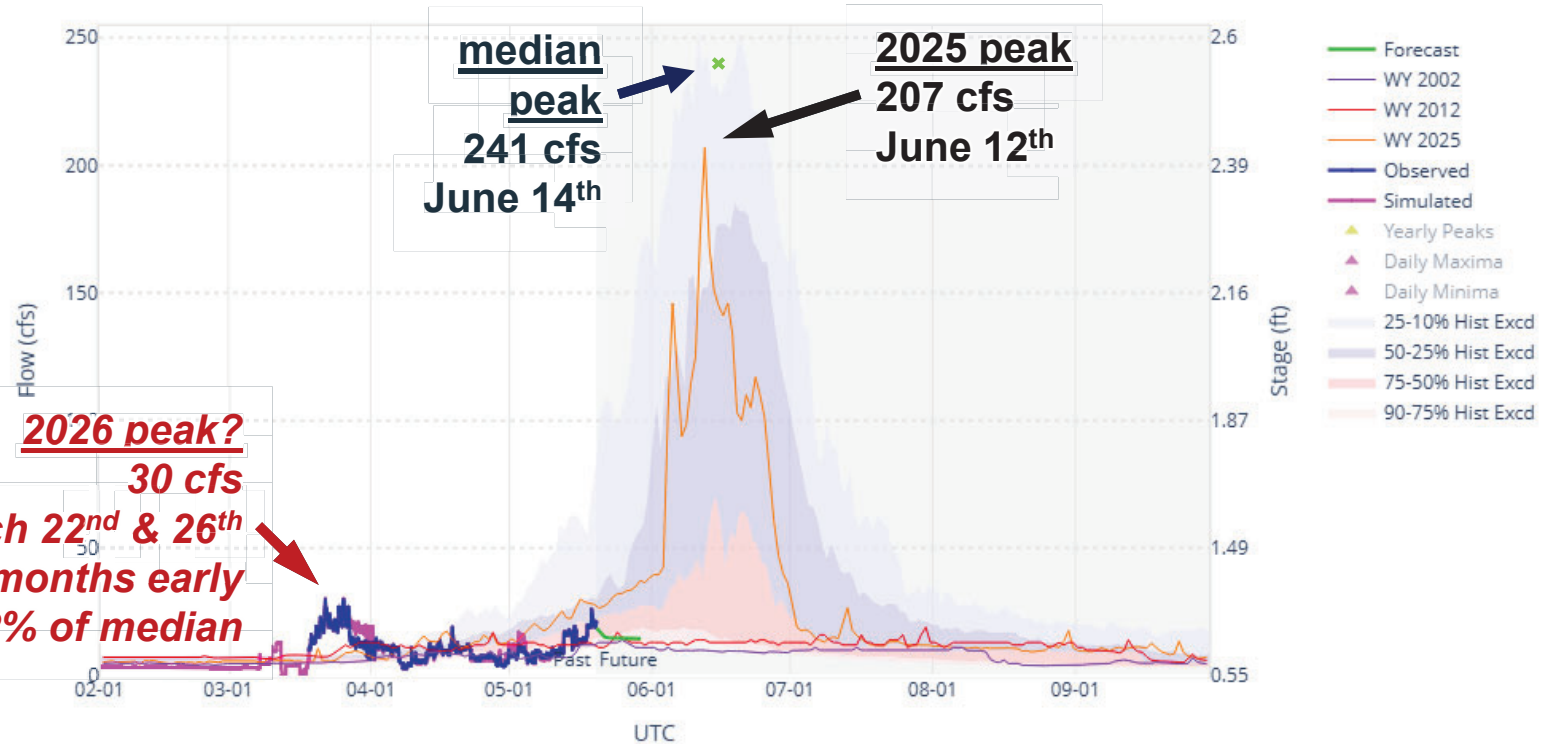


# Has It Peaked?

# Fraser River at Winter Park

Forecast Hydrograph - Fraser - Winter Park (FRWC2) - NOAA/CBRFC

Fcst Date: 05/19/15Z - Latest Ob: 1.14 ft, 21 cfs (05/20/00Z) - Flood: 3.0 ft, 361 cfs - Action: 2.7 ft, 277 cfs

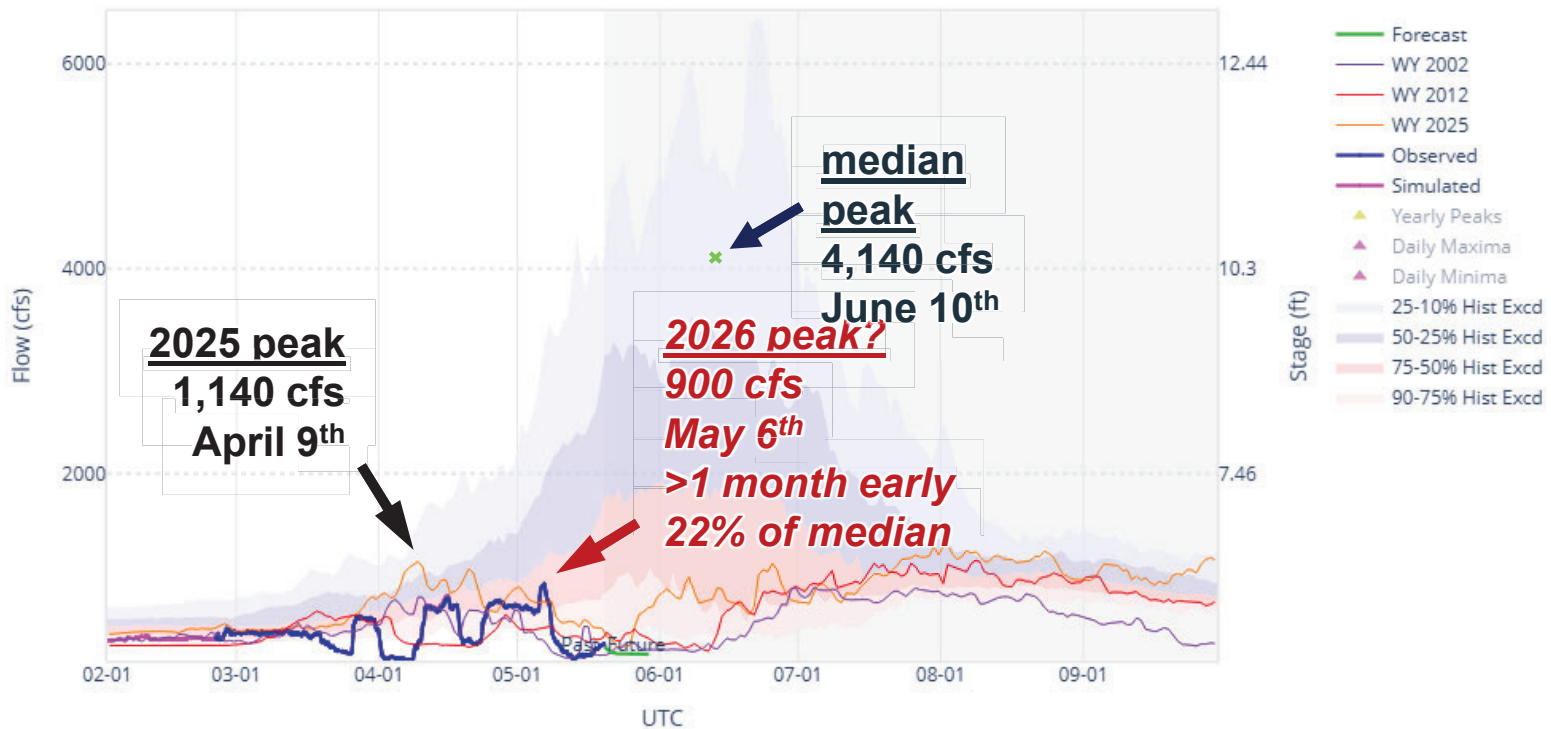


# Has It Peaked?

# Colorado River near Kremmling

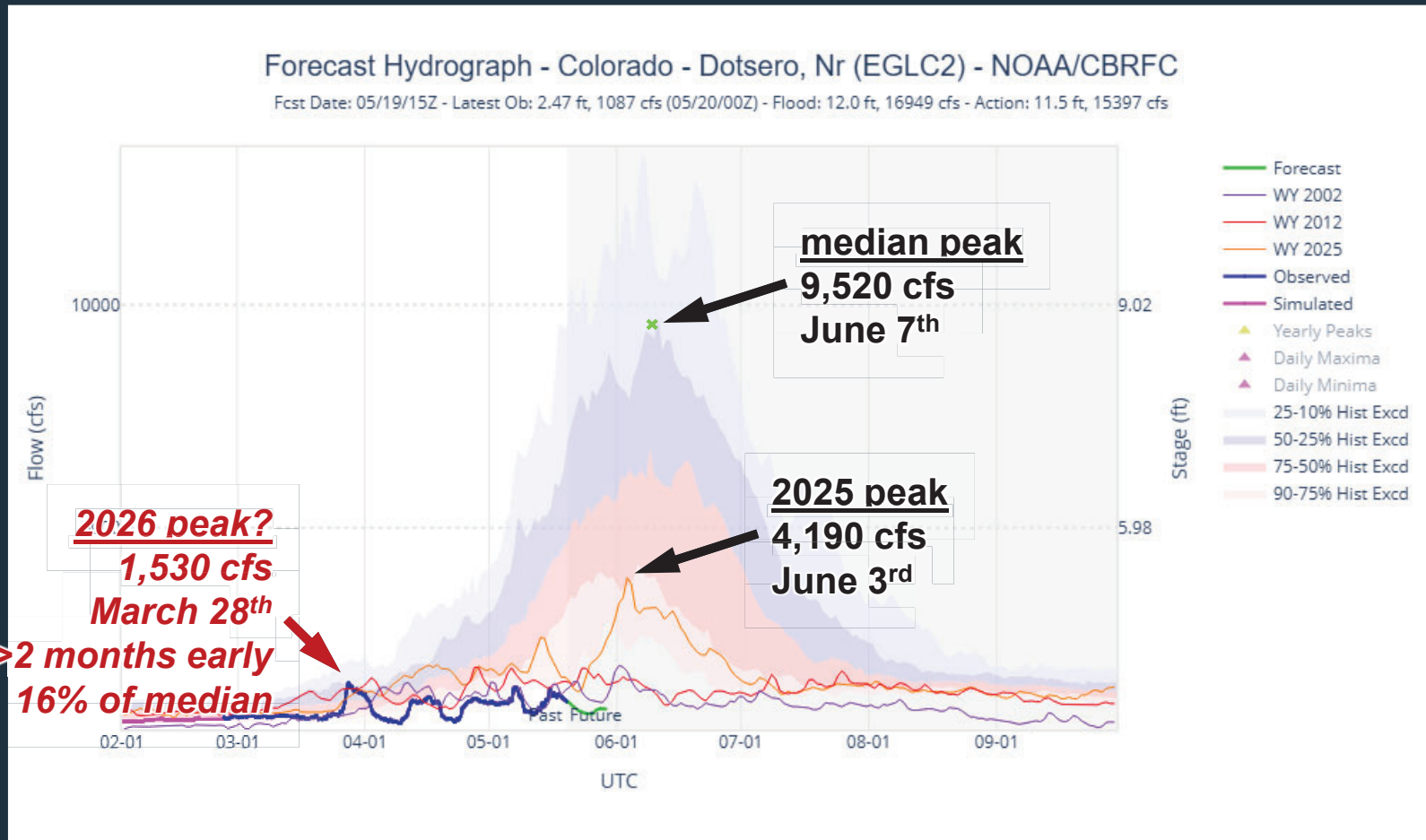
Forecast Hydrograph - Colorado - Kremmling, Nr (KRMC2) - NOAA/CBRFC

Fcst Date: 05/19/15Z - Latest Ob: 3.62 ft, 327 cfs (05/20/00Z) - Flood: 15.0 ft, 10644 cfs - Action: 13.5 ft, 7722 cfs



# Has It Peaked?

# Colorado River near Dotsero



# Green Mountain Reservoir

**Green Mountain Reservoir**



Full Capacity  
155 kaf

Current Storage  
51 kaf  
(33% full)

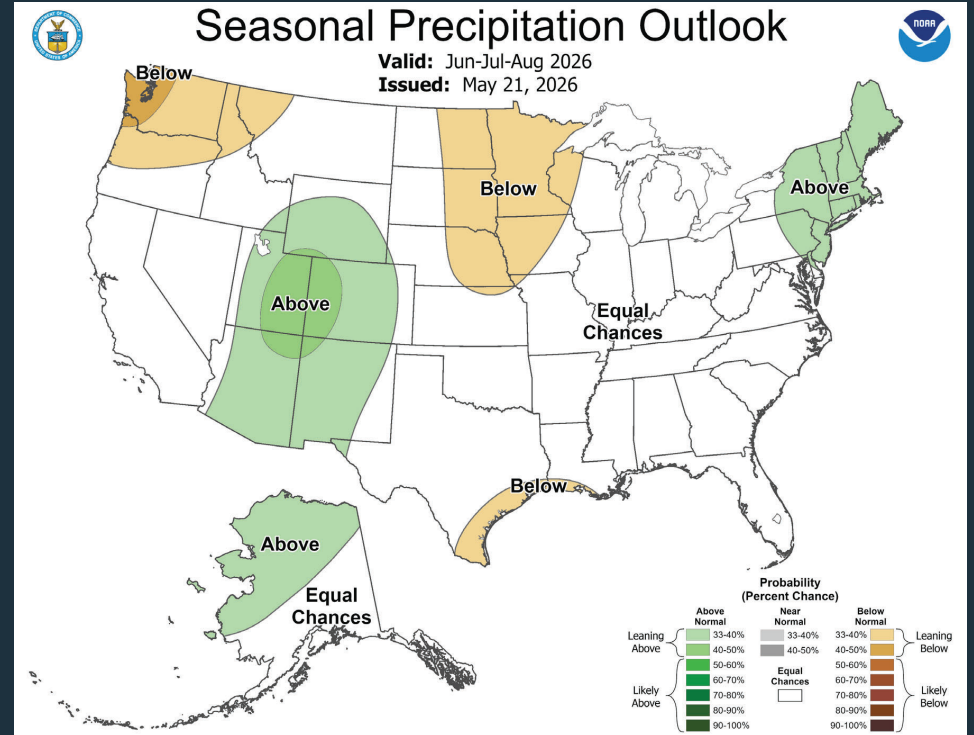
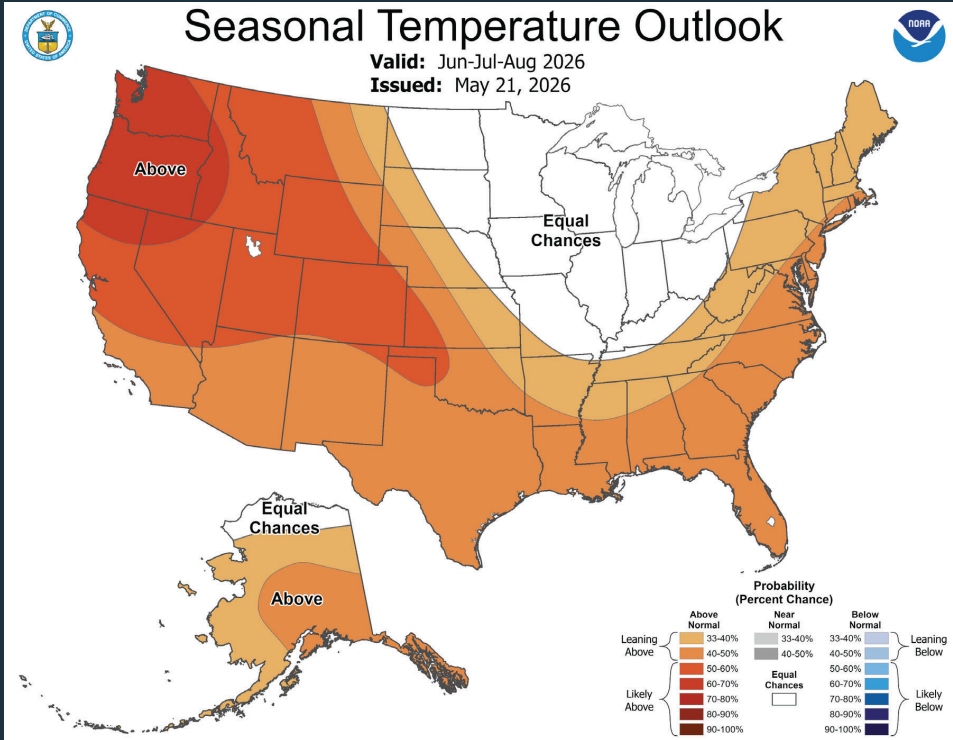
Little/No Additional Fill  
Expected

River District taking  
emergency action to  
address shortfall

Source: USBR

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**Outlook**  
**June → August**

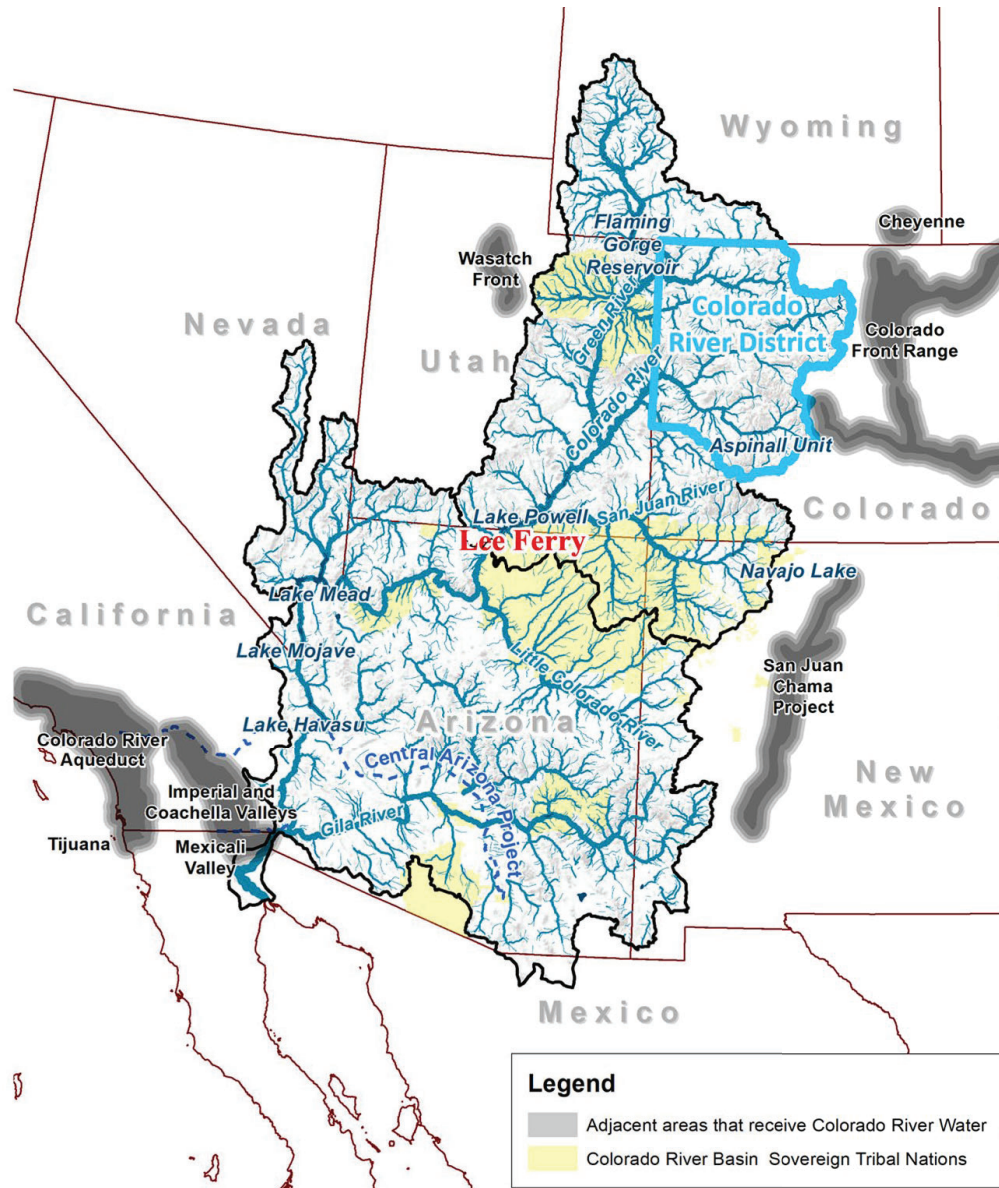
**TEMPERATURE**

Likely Above Normal  
 (50-60% chance)

**PRECIPITATION**

Leaning Above Normal  
 (33-50% chance)  
*Monsoon??*

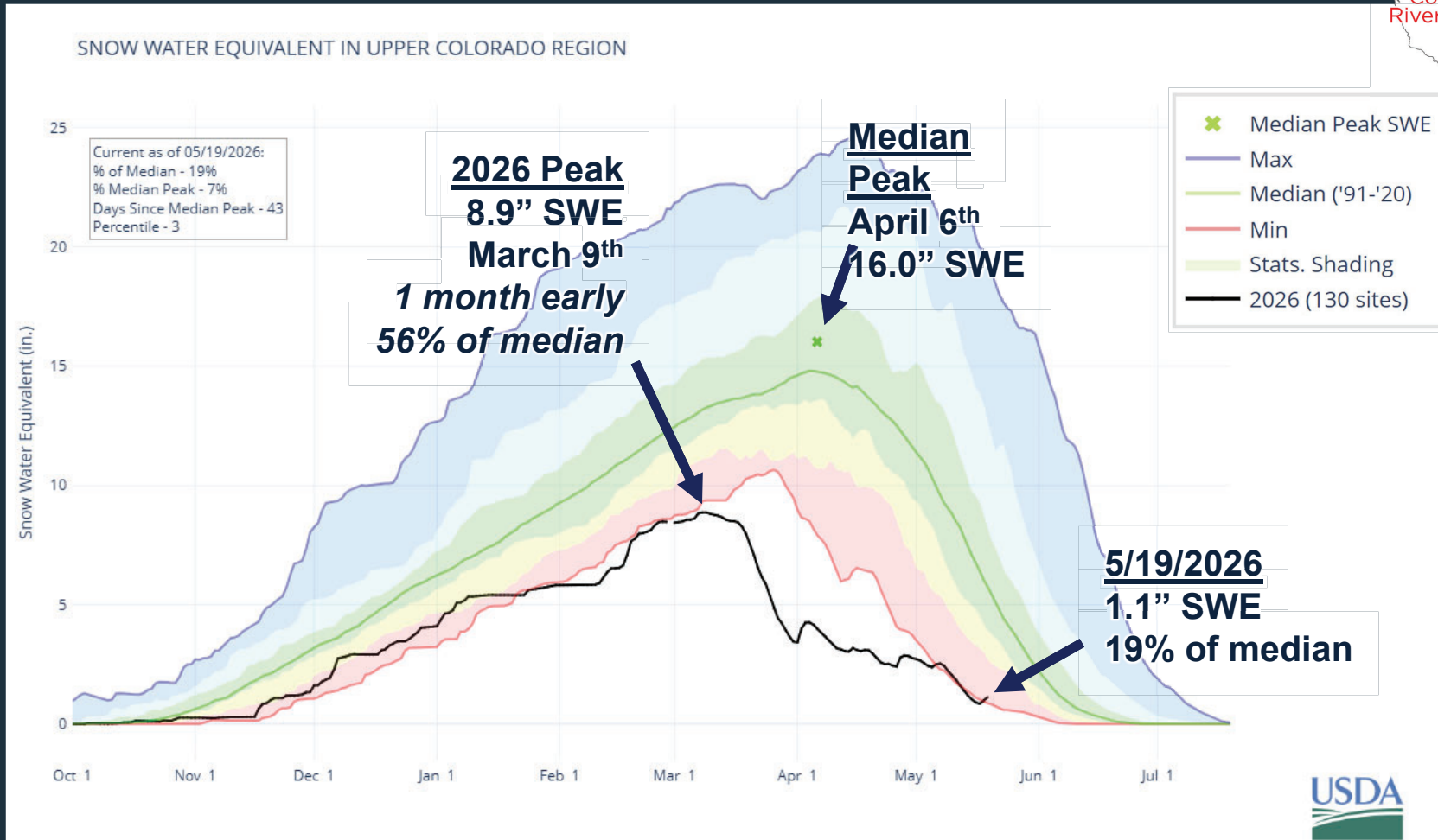
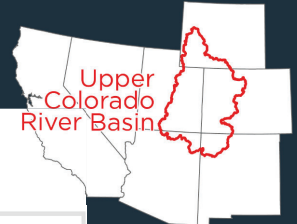




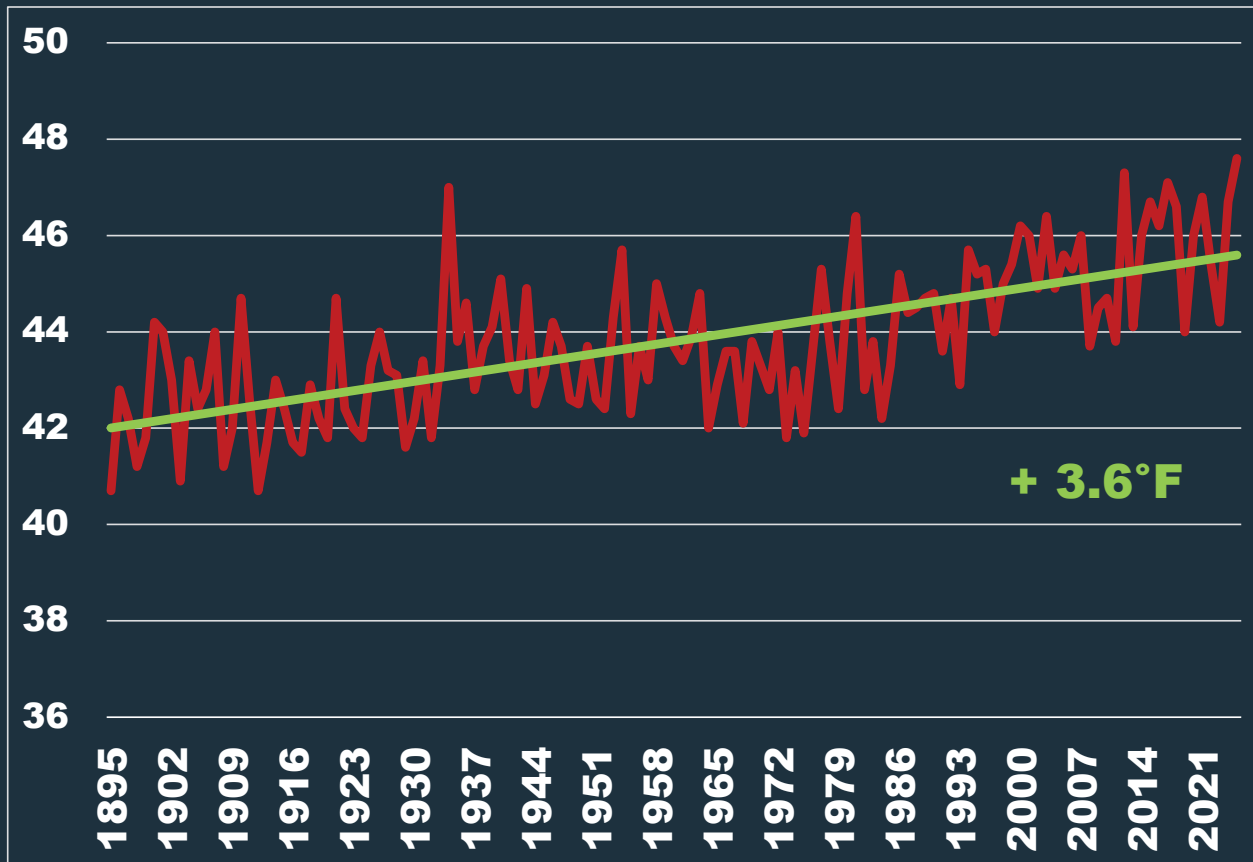
# Colorado River Basin



# Upper Colorado River Basin



# Upper Colorado River Basin Annual Avg. Temp 1895-2025



NOAA National Centers for Environmental information, Climate at a Glance: Regional Time Series, published February 2026, retrieved on March 4, 2026 from <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/climate-at-a-glance/regional/time-series>

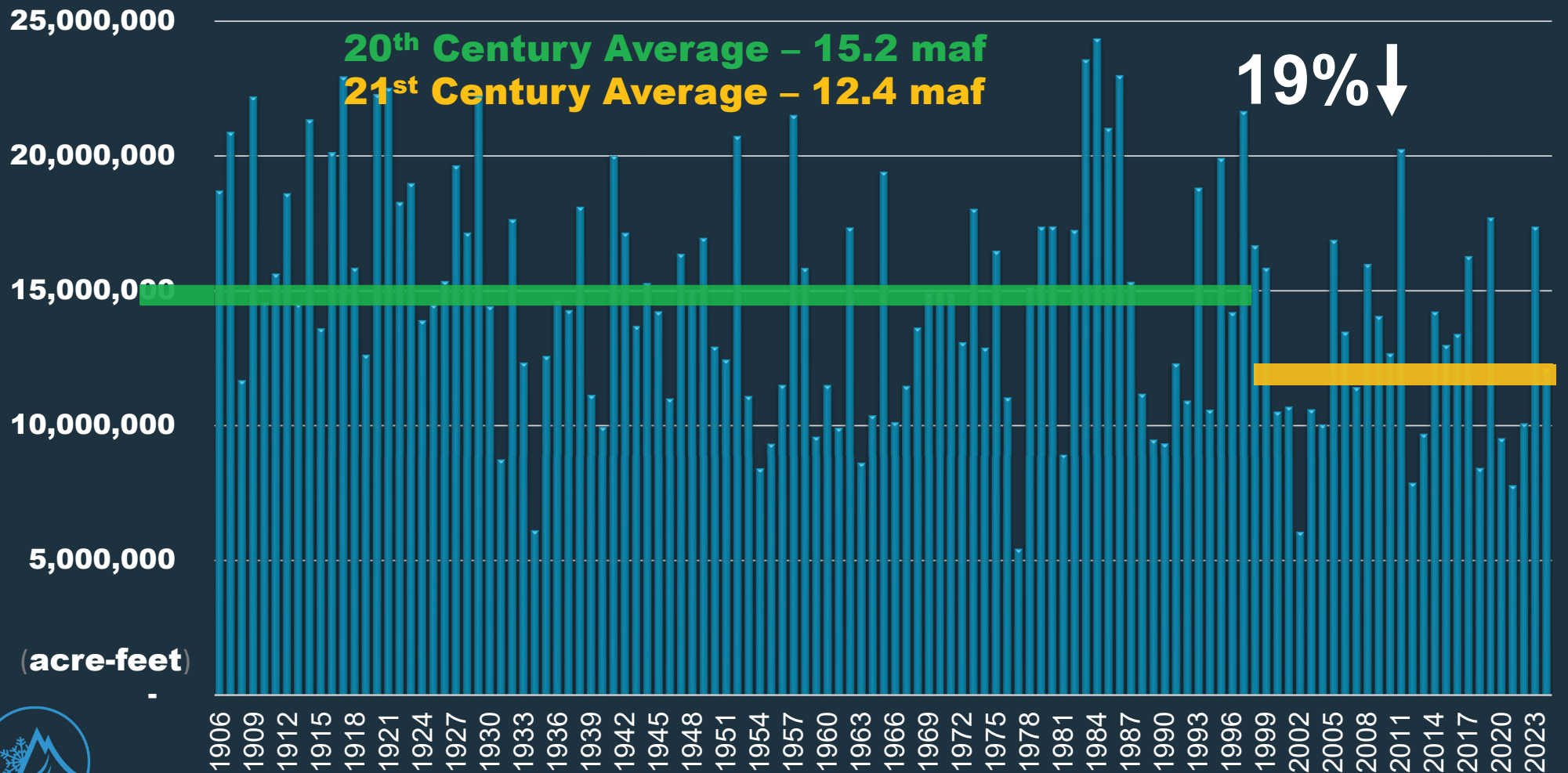
## Rising Temperatures

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 For every 1°F rise in air temperature, streamflow diminishes by 4 - 7%.
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Data:  
 Changing climate drives future streamflow declines and challenges in meeting water demand across the southwestern United States  
 (Olivia L. Miller; et al, Journal of Hydrology, vol. 11, May, 2021)  
 Colorado River flow dwindles as warming-driven loss of reflective snow energizes evaporation (P. C. D. Milly, K. A. Dunne, Science 2020)



# Natural Flow of the Colorado River at Lee Ferry



Data Courtesy of the Bureau of Reclamation

# Lake Mead and Lake Powell Combined Storage

100% Reservoir Storage = Approximately 54 maf

Data courtesy of: Bureau of Reclamation

**Current Storage: 27% = 14.8 maf**

**Lake Powell**

2007 Interim Guidelines Adopted

**Lake Powell dropped to 3521'**

**Lake Mead**





**Submit your  
questions here**



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## OUTLINE

1. 2026 Drought Response
2. Shoshone Water Rights
3. Lake Powell and the Colorado River System

**The Colorado River District was founded in 1937 as the watchdog for West Slope water.**

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# 2026 CRD Colorado Basin Drought Response

Strategic releases prioritized to protect water users downstream:

- Cities and towns
- Agricultural producers
- Ecosystem health



**Historic User Pool depleted in 2026**



# 2026 CRD Colorado Basin Drought Response

## *Impacted Water Entities Grand County*

### Historic User Pool/GMR Contract

- Town of Granby
- North Shore Community
- Grand County Water and Sanitation District
- Columbine Lake Water District
- Lake Forest Subdivision
- Town of Hot Sulphur Springs
- Town of Fraser
- Town of Grand Lake
- Town of Kremmling
- Shadow Mountain Estates
- YMCA of the Rockies
- C Lazy U Ranch
- Devil's Thumb Ranch
- Roadside Trailer Park
- Moraine Park
- Arapahoe Bay Owners Group
- Grand Lake Golf Course (Clubhouse)
- Rocky Mountain National Park





**SHOSHONE**  
WATER RIGHTS PRESERVATION

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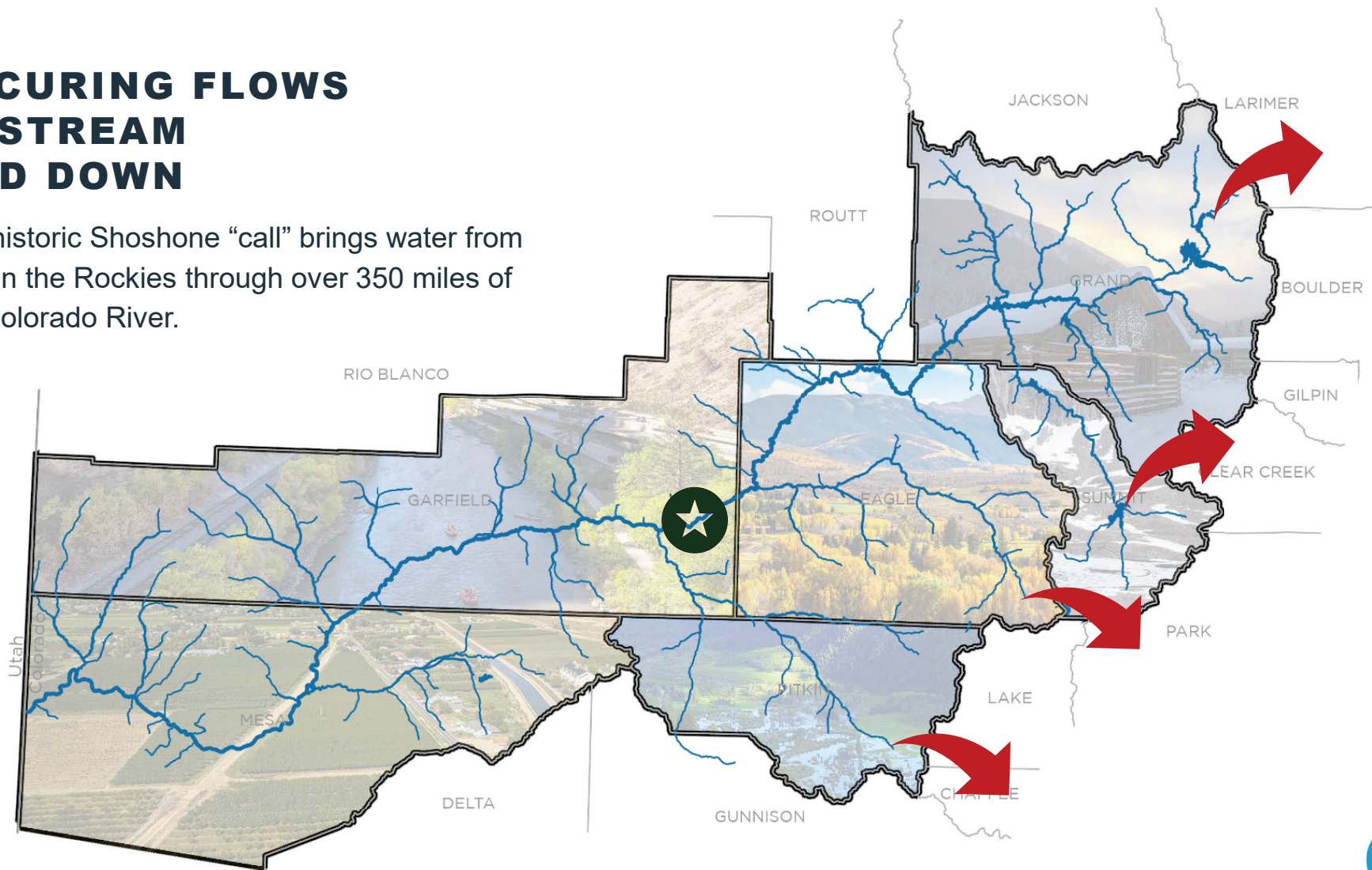
## **Shoshone Water Rights Preservation Coalition**

The West Slope is working together to permanently protect the historic Colorado River flows tied to the Shoshone Hydropower Plant.

**Securing historic flows for future generations.**

# SECURING FLOWS UPSTREAM AND DOWN

The historic Shoshone “call” brings water from high in the Rockies through over 350 miles of the Colorado River.



# West Slope water under pressure

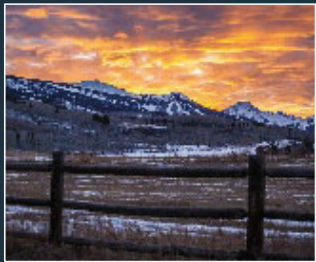


# SHOSHONE WATER RIGHTS

Large and very senior non-consumptive water rights on the Colorado River

1250 cfs – 1902

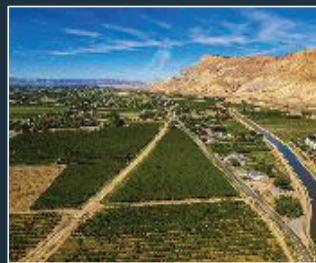
158 cfs – 1929



**Ensure long-term water security for West Slope communities.**



**Protect clean drinking water.**



**Protect farmers, ranchers, and local food production.**



**Keep West Slope water on the western slope.**



# Shoshone Water Rights Preservation Project

## Purchase and Sale Agreement

Signed by Xcel Energy and Colorado River District in 2023  
for \$99 million

### WATER RIGHTS PATH

**INSTREAM FLOW  
ACQUISITION**

(Completed)



**WATER COURT  
PROCESS**

(In Progress)


### FUNDING PATH


**FUNDRAISING - \$99 MILLION**  
(In Progress)


\$57 million (state & local)  
\$40 million (federal)

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
(PUC) APPROVAL**

(Not Started)

 Completed

 In Progress

 Not Started





**STATE OF COLORADO**

**COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT**

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

**MAINSTEM COUNTIES**

**GRAND SUMMIT  
EAGLE GARFILED  
PITKIN MESA**

- BASALT WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- BOOKCLIFF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
- CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION
- CITY OF RIFLE
- CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT
- CLINTON DITCH AND RESERVOIR COMPANY
- COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
- DE BEQUE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
- EAGLE PARK RESERVOIR COMPANY
- GRAND VALLEY IRRIGATION COMPANY
- GRAND VALLEY POWER USERS ASSOCIATION
- KOBE WATER AUTHORITY
- MESA COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
- MIDDLE PARK WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- ORCHARD MESA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
- MOUNT SOPRIS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- PALISADE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
- SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
- SOUTHSIDE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- TOWN OF BASALT
- TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE
- TOWN OF DE BEQUE
- TOWN OF GYPSUM
- TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
- TOWN OF PARACHUTE
- TOWN OF SILT
- TOWN OF SILVERTHORNE
- UPPER EAGLE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
- UTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- WEST DIVIDE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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# OVER 120 SHOSHONE WATER RIGHTS PRESERVATION COALITION MEMBERS

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 Grand Valley Power  
 Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce  
 Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce  
 Marble Distilling  
 Palisade Chamber of Commerce  
 Shoshone Outfitter Partnership  
 Steamboat Springs Chamber  
 The Summit Chamber  
 The Vail Chamber & Business Association  
 Vail Valley Partnership  
 Western States Ranches  
 Xcel Energy  
 American Rivers  
 American Whitewater  
 Audubon Rockies  
 Blue River Watershed Group  
 Business for Water Stewardship  
 Conservation Colorado  
 Eagle River Coalition  
 Environmental Defense Fund  
 Middle Colorado Watershed Council  
 RiversEdge West  
 Roaring Fork Conservancy  
 The Nature Conservancy  
 The Sonoran Institute  
 Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
 Trout Unlimited  
 Western Resource Advocates

Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable  
 Colorado Basin Roundtable  
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 Eagle County  
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WATER RIGHTS PRESERVATION

**Securing historic  
flows for future  
generations.**

**Help us protect  
the Colorado  
River.**

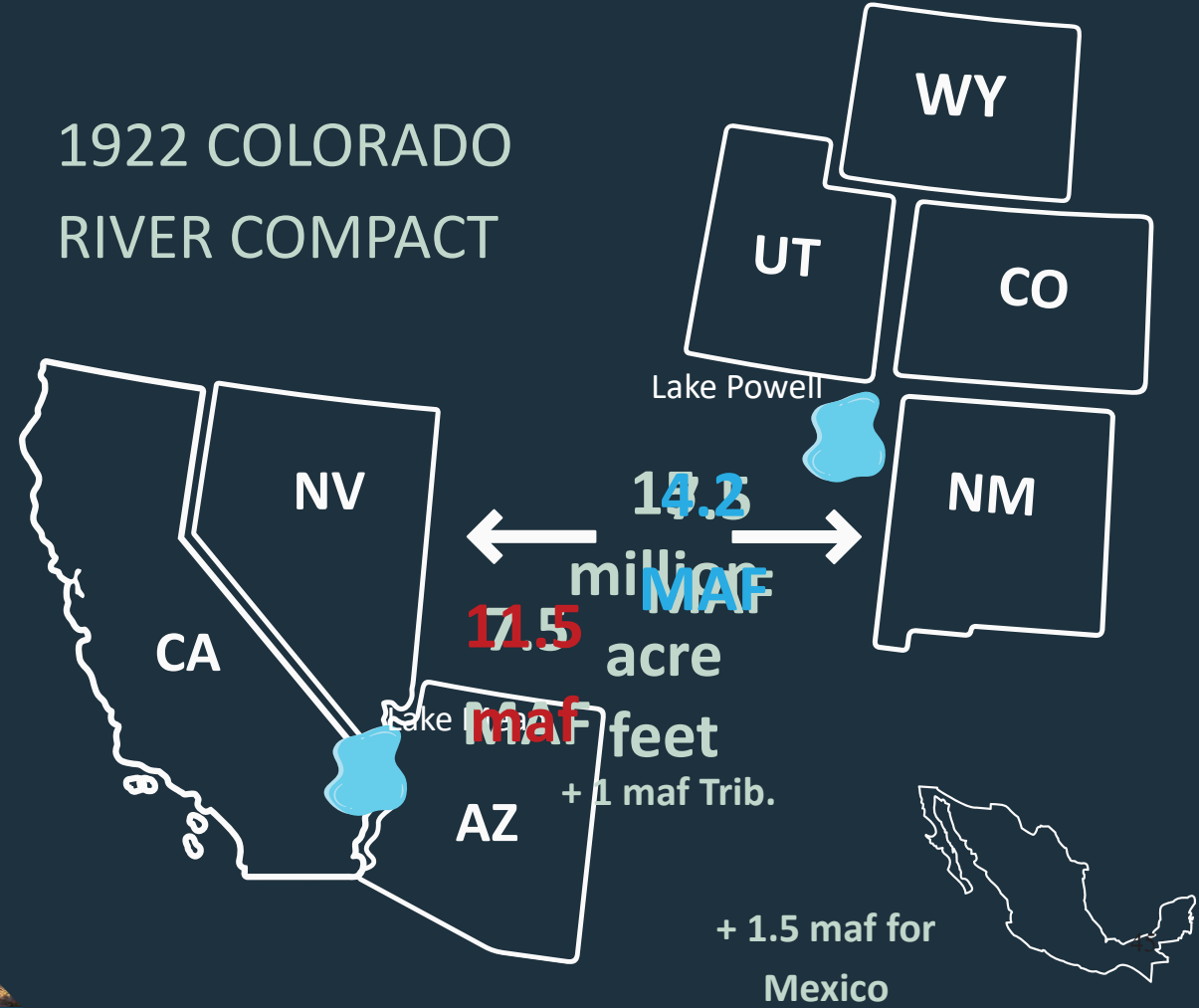
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# Divided River

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# Lower Basin Overuse



Evaporation Losses  
1.5 maf average evap/transit loss



Transit Losses



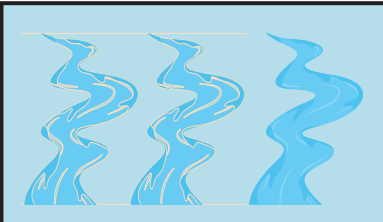
Tributary Use



3.1 maf average tributary use

12.9 maf

11.5 maf



6.9 maf average annual use (mainstem)

8.5 million acre-feet

## Lower Basin States



Data Courtesy of Bureau of Reclamation

# Lake Powell

3,700 ft<sup>‡</sup>  
(Full pool)

As of May 17, 2026,  
we are here:  
3,527 ft

3,525 ft

3,490 ft

3,370 ft

35 feet

Power pool  
(No longer able to use  
water to produce power)

Dead pool  
(No longer able to  
deliver water to Lower  
Colorado River Basin  
through dam)

‡ Feet above sea level

## Glen Canyon Dam

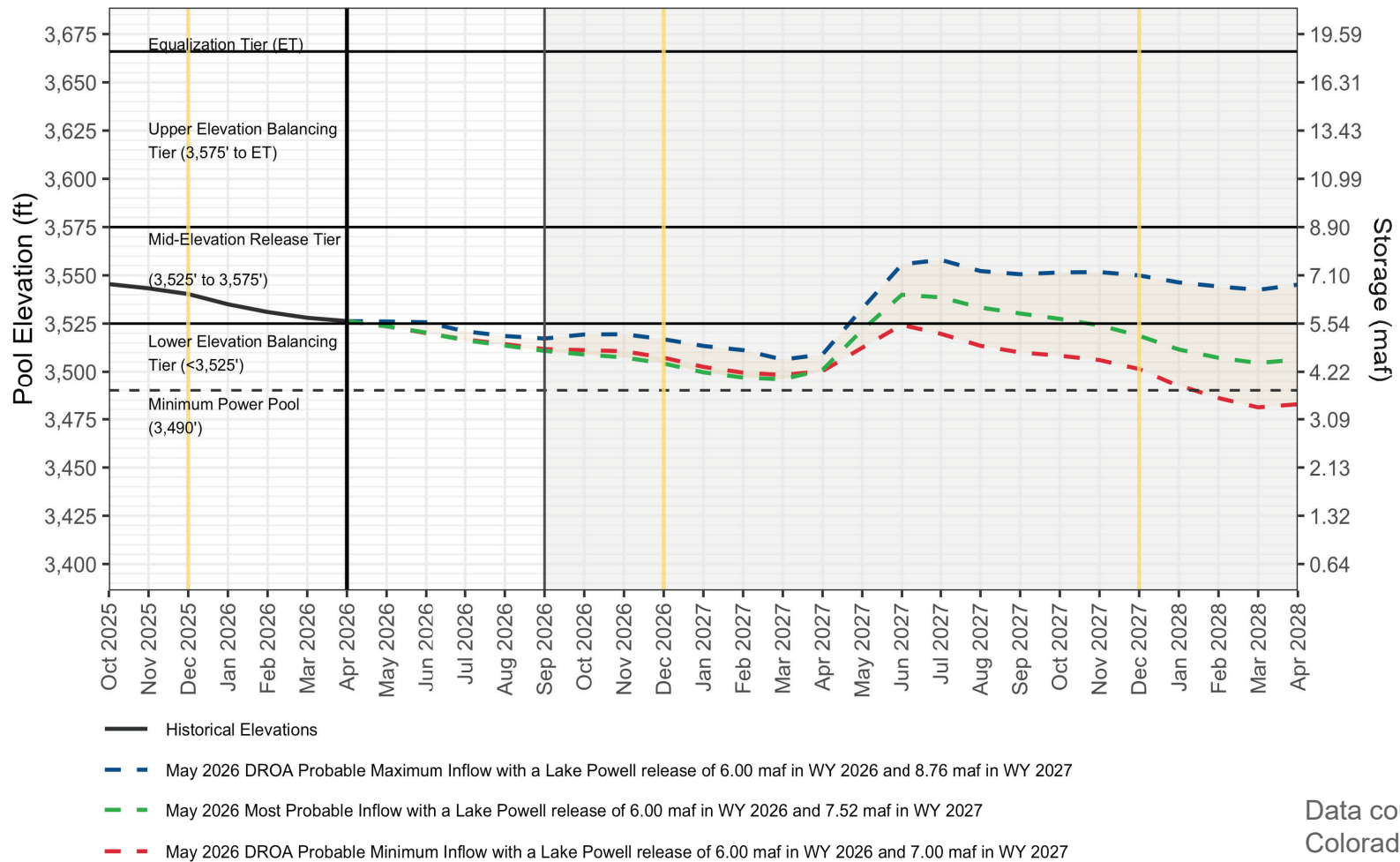
The target elevation of 3,525 ft provides Lake Powell with a 35-vertical-foot buffer designed to minimize the risk of dropping below the minimum power pool elevation of 3,490 ft.



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# Lake Powell Elevations

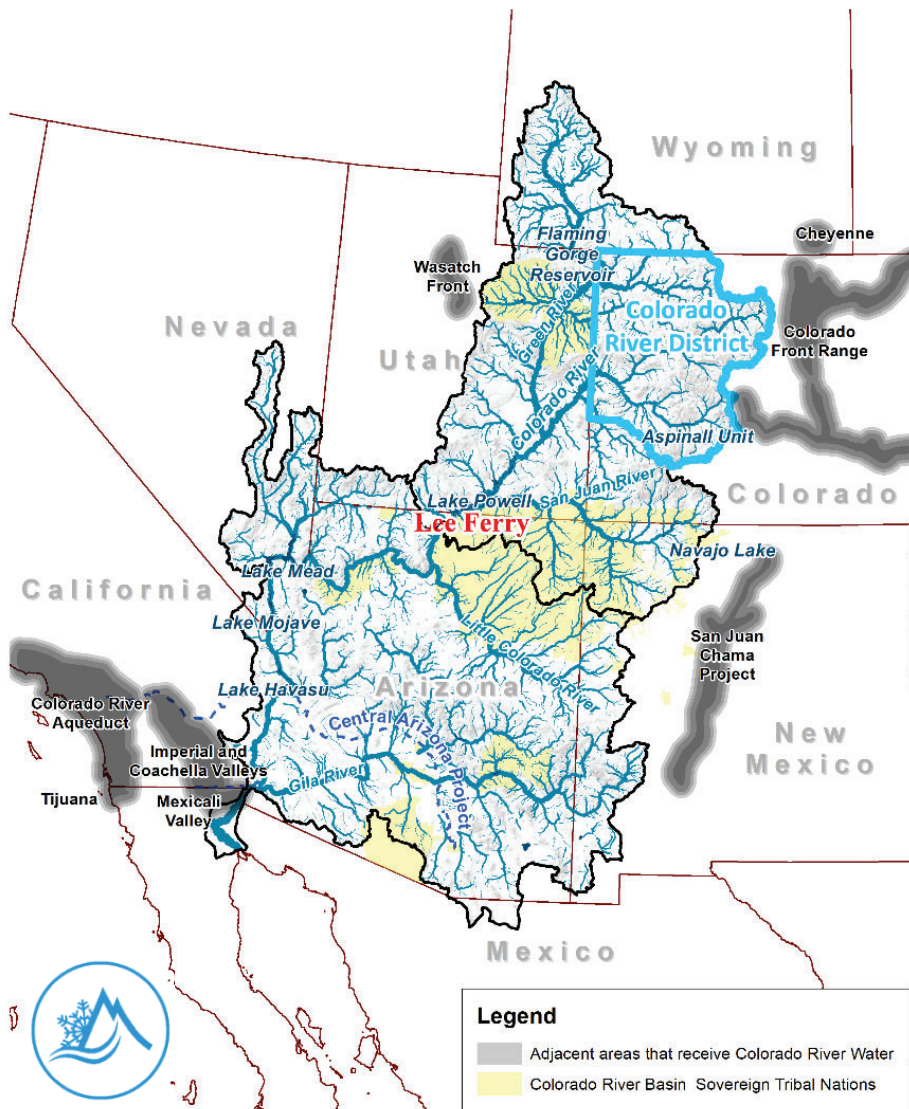
Projections from May 2026 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios



Data courtesy of the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center; USBR



# Colorado River Basin



## Interim Guidelines meant to protect a complex system

Current guidelines expire at the end of September 2026.

### Negotiations Stalled

States have missed multiple deadlines to come to a consensus agreement and remain far apart.

### 7-States Consider Mediation

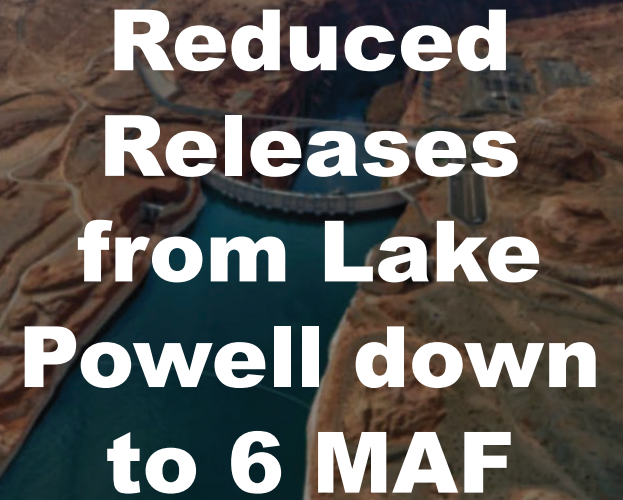
In the absence of a 7-state agreement, the federal government will set the rules.

### Final EIS Expected This Summer



**Increased  
Releases from  
Flaming Gorge  
up to 1.1 MAF**

**What we have  
seen so far**



**Reduced  
Releases  
from Lake  
Powell down  
to 6 MAF**



**Upper Basin  
Conservation  
Program**

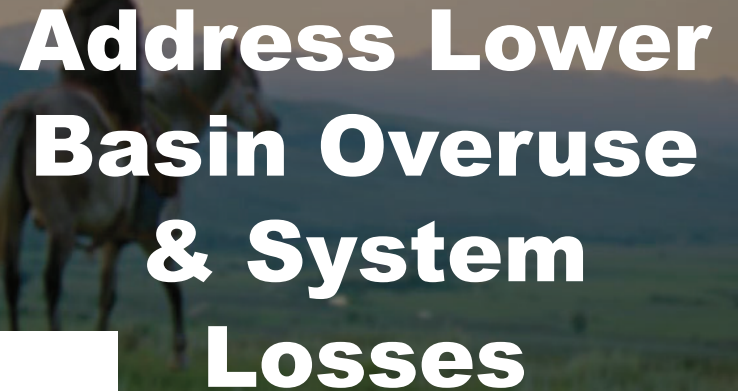
**What we  
could see**



**Compact  
Compliance  
Litigation**

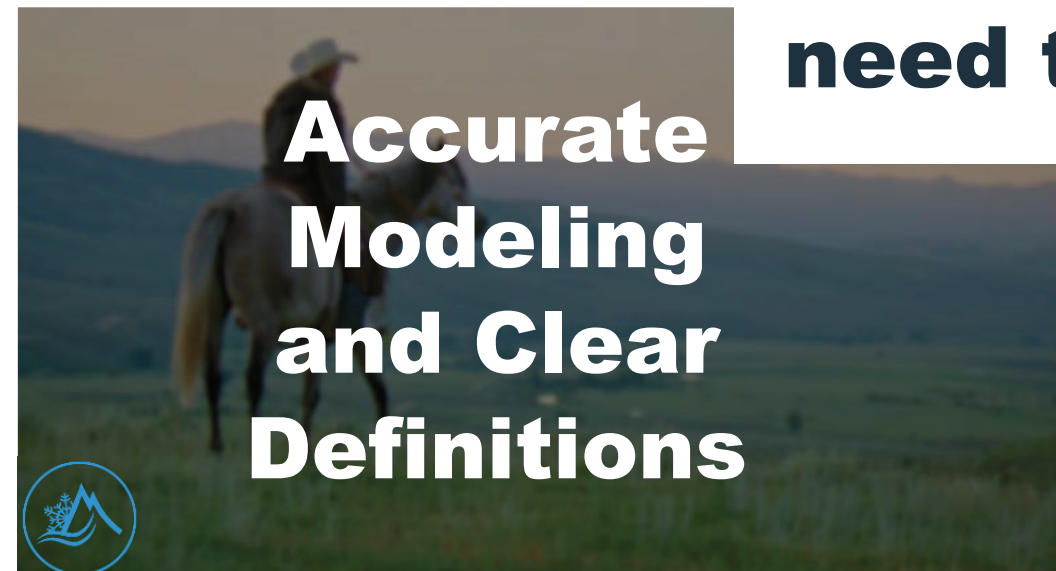


**Restore  
Supply/Demand  
Balance**



**Address Lower  
Basin Overuse  
& System  
Losses**

**What we  
need to see**



**Accurate  
Modeling  
and Clear  
Definitions**



**Longterm  
Solutions**





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# Grand County Stream Management Plan Update

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Katherine Morris

Grand County Water Resource  
Manager



# Grand County Learning By Doing (LBD) Partnership

## Origins:

- Two Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGAs) tied to two water diversion projects; Denver Water's Moffat Firing Project and Northern Water Subdistrict's Windy Gap Firing Project.

## Core Mission:

- The IGA's establish a long-term, cooperative partnership to address aquatic environment setbacks and maintain river health in Grand County.

## Future Implementation:

- LBD is currently active, but will reach full capacity—gaining additional funding, designated water, and operational flexibility—once construction on both diversion projects is completed.



# Stream Management Plans

## What is a Stream Management Plan (SMP)?

- A collaborative, data-driven assessment that helps communities prioritize the protection or enhancement of a river's environmental and recreational assets.

## Key Objectives:

- Assess existing biological, hydrological, and physical stream conditions.
- Identify the water flows and conditions needed to support ecosystems and recreation.
- Identify and prioritize management actions to improve or maintain river health.

Source: <https://www.coloradosmp.org/>



# Stream Management Plans

SMPs are non-regulatory and rely on a combination of community buy-in, stakeholder goals, and scientific data.

## Three Primary Motivations:

### *Anticipatory:*

Preparing for future system changes, such as climate change or new reservoirs.

### *Reactionary:*

Responding to past undesirable events, such as severe droughts and low flows.

### *Exploratory:*

Conducting broad assessments to establish baseline river health or take advantage of funding.

Source: <https://www.coloradosmp.org/>



# Grand County Stream Management Plan: Phase 1

Broad Stakeholder Outreach

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC)





# Grand County Stream Management Plan: Phase 1

Completion of the **Watershed Assessment**, downloadable from the projects tab at

[grandcountylearningbydoing.org/](http://grandcountylearningbydoing.org/).



COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED ASSESSMENT

May 2024

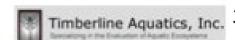
Prepared for:



Lotic Hydrological  
345 Colorado Ave. Unit 104  
Carbondale, CO 81623  
970.903.7561



Currier Water



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# Grand County Stream Management Plan: Phase 2

## Part 1: Assessment Framework & Tools

- **Incorporate Phase 1 Data:** Develop initial website content and data visualizations based on the previous watershed assessment.
- **Grade & Prioritize Reaches:** Select an assessment framework to evaluate stream conditions, assign grades, and tier reaches for targeted restoration.
- **Develop Implementation Tool:** Create an automated, updatable tool to calculate stream grades and manage future data inputs.



# Grand County Stream Management Plan: Phase 2

## Part 2: Branding & Website Development

- **Brand Identity:** Create a cohesive brand for the stream management plan, including a logo, color palette, and messaging.
- **Website Creation & Integration:** Build an interactive website to host project maps (like the Willow Creek Restoration), dynamic data visualizations, and stream reach summaries.
- **Public Launch:** Train staff, finalize a public relations strategy, and officially launch the website.



# Grand County Stream Management Plan: Phase 2

## Part 3: Project Implementation Planning

- **Set Objectives & Metrics:** Define specific, measurable goals for the priority reaches identified in Part 1.
- **Identify Projects & Create Cut Sheets:** Brainstorm habitat improvement projects and create 10 to 20 "cut sheets" summarizing project locations, costs, timelines, and goals.
- **Prioritize & Plan:** Develop a Multi-Criterion Decision Analysis (MCDA) tool to rank the projects and deliver a 5-to-10-year implementation plan.



# Funding for the SMP Update

Colorado River Cooperative Agreement funds

Colorado Water Conservation Board

- Water Plan Grant
- Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO)

Devil's Thumb Ranch

Freeport McMoran Community Investment Fund

Granby Rotary

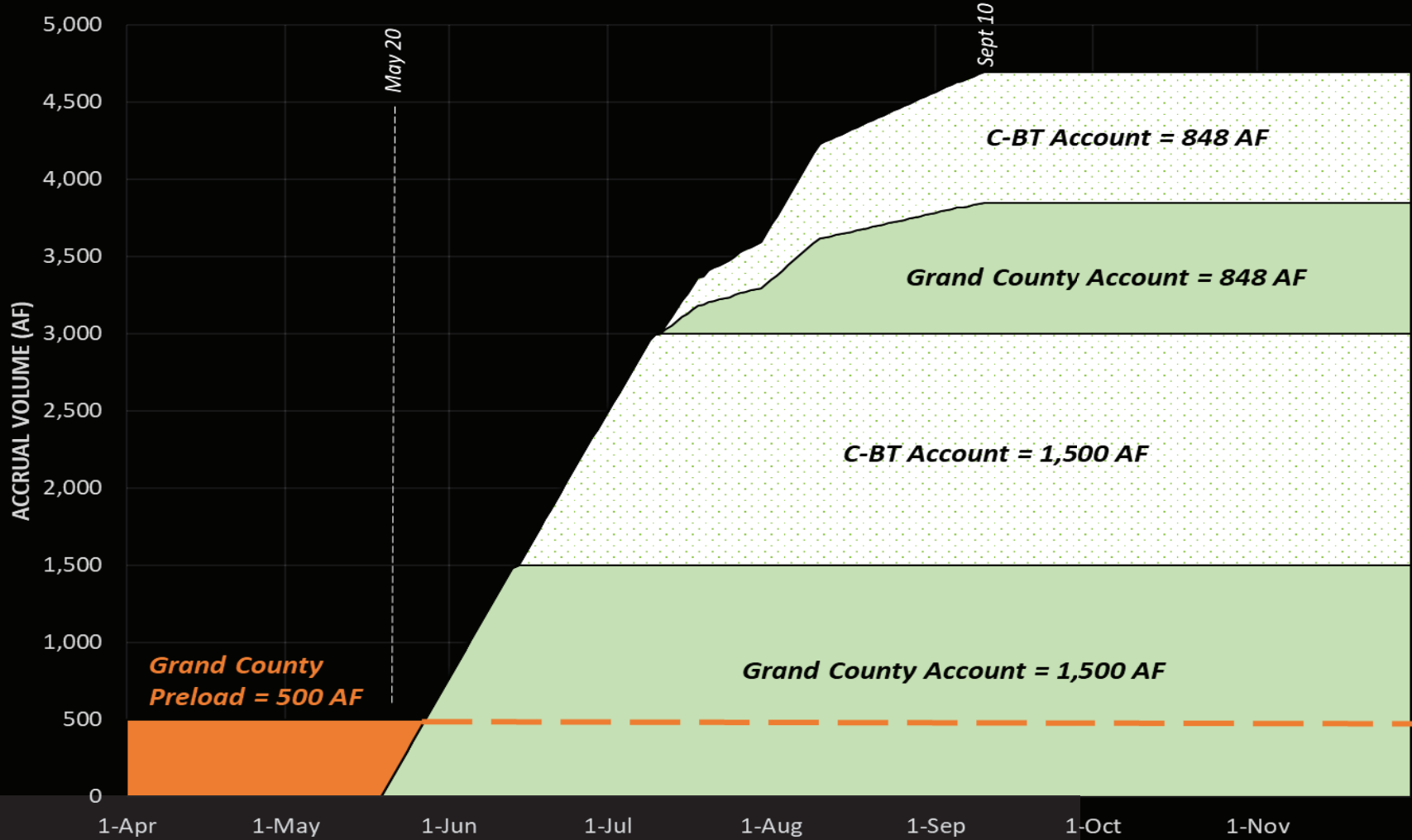
Open Lands, Rivers, Trails Fund

Learning By Doing Partners

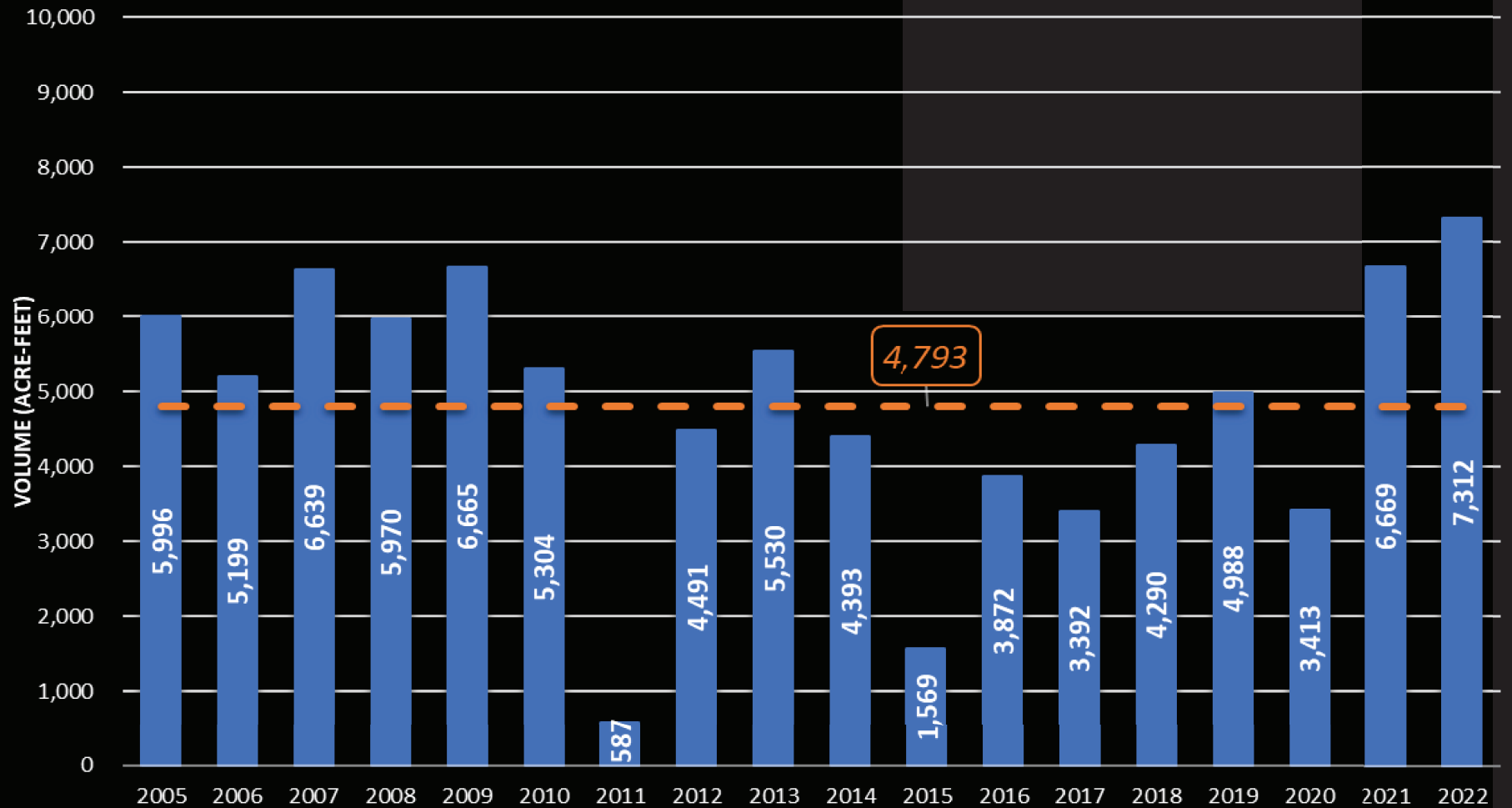


Questions?

## Stream Improvement Project Accruals (w/Limited Continued Bunte Diversions)



## Benefits to CBT System from Bunte Highline w/Limited Continued Diversions



**Melissa Wills**  
Program Manager

# Community Funding Partnership Program





**72%**

**River District voters  
supported the ballot  
measure in 2020**



## Aging Infrastructure



## Demands vs. Supply



## Climate Change



## Financial/Institutional Capacity



# West Slope water under pressure



**\$4.2 Million Annually**

**High-impact projects and  
investments for West  
Slope water**



# Program Pillars

**15-County Region**

**Multi-Benefit Projects**

**Community Driven**

**Catalyst for Outside  
Funding**





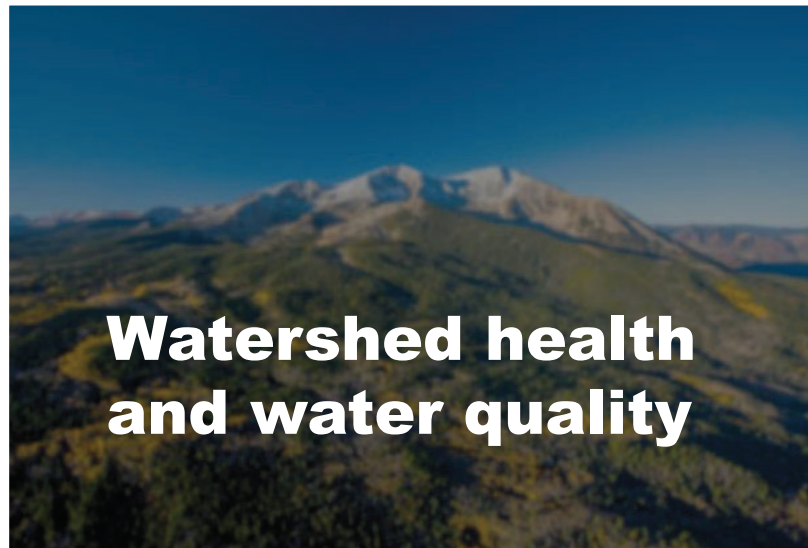
**Infrastructure**



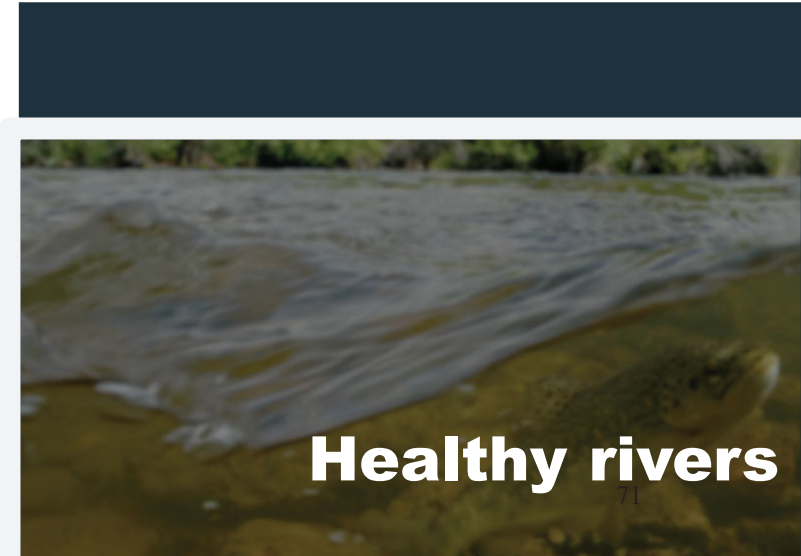
**Productive  
agriculture**



**Conservation  
and efficiency**



**Watershed health  
and water quality**



**Healthy rivers**

**Five  
Multiple  
Benefits**





# Funding Opportunities

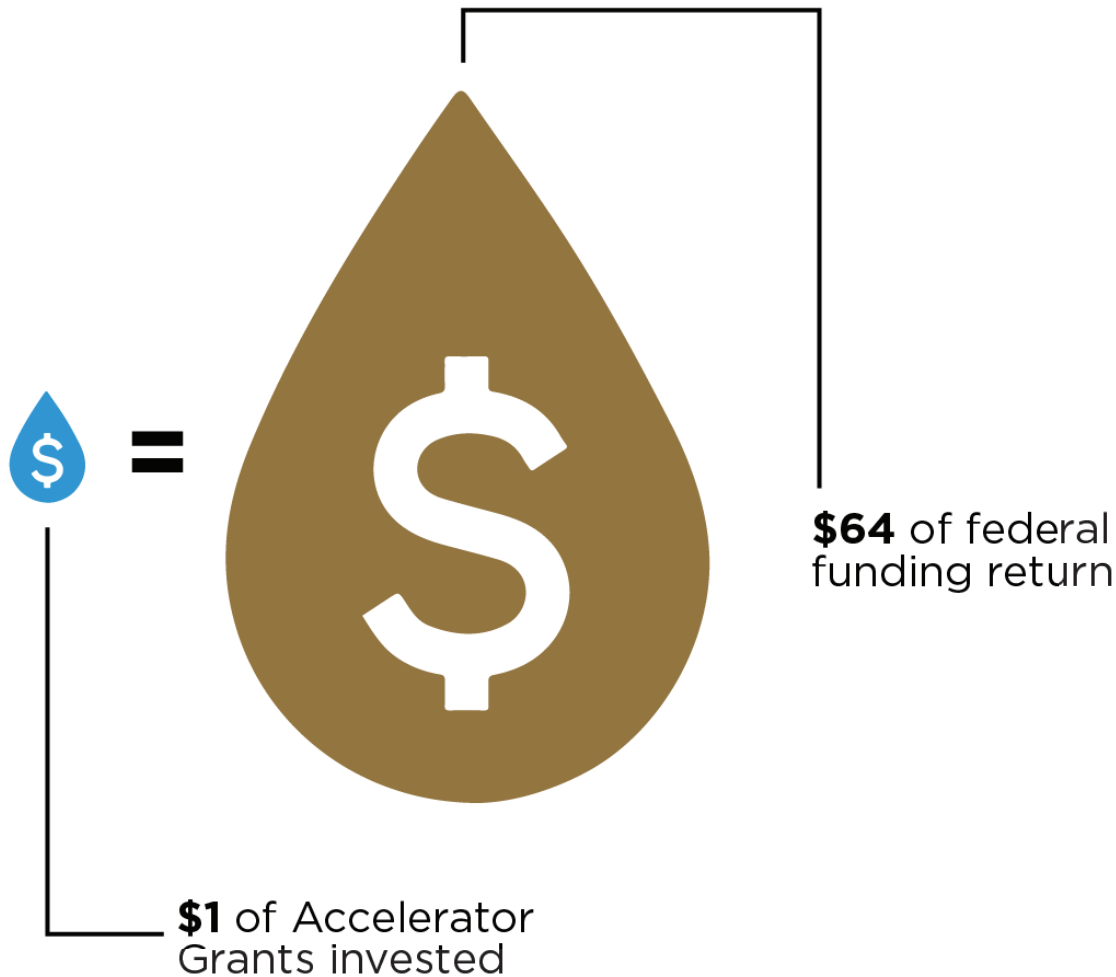
**GENERAL GRANTS**

**EMERGENCY GRANTS**

**IRRIGATION COMPANY FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS - PILOT**

**ACCELERATOR GRANTS**





# Accelerator Grant

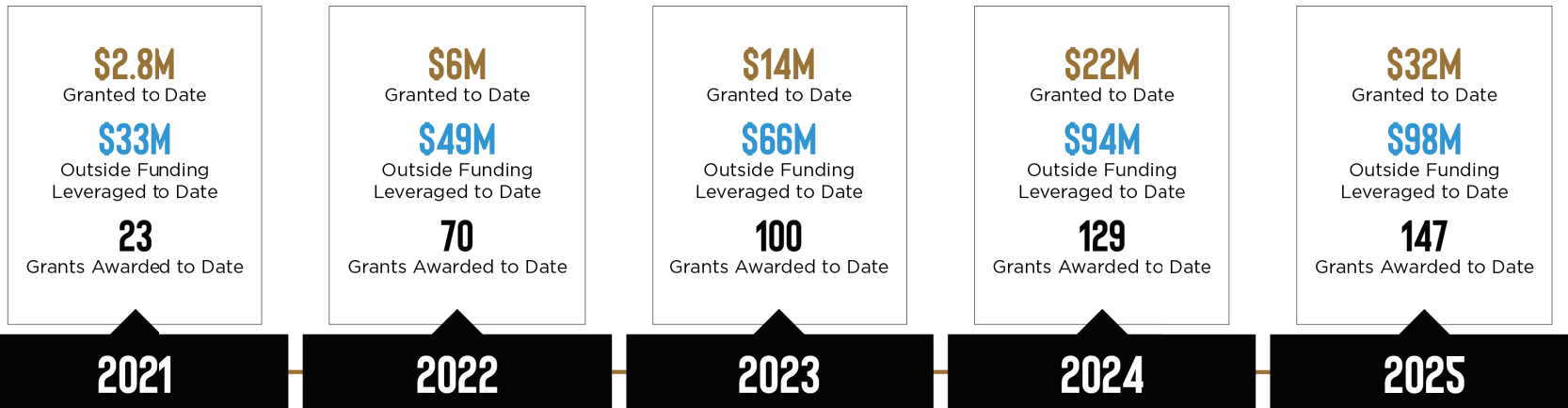
## PROJECT TIMELINE:

- 1 IDENTIFY NEEDS
- 2 PROJECT SUMMARY
- 3 FEASIBILITY
- 4 DESIGN
- 5 ENGINEERING
- 6 GRANT WRITING
- 7 CONTRACTING & MATERIALS
- 8 CONSTRUCTION
- 9 MONITORING

Funded by Accelerator grants



# 5 Years of Impact



Ballot Initiative 7A passed with **72%** of West Slope voters approving tax dollars to fund CFP

Board approved Community Funding Partnership Framework


Launched Accelerator Grant Program

CRD Board approves **\$20 Million** Shoshone Water Rights Preservation Project

Accelerator grants return an average of **\$64 for every \$1 invested**

Launched Irrigation Company Financial Sustainability Pilot Grant Opportunity





# Measurements of Success



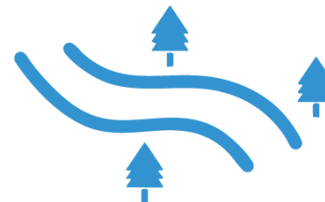
**77**

Agricultural  
Infrastructure Projects



**30**

Research Studies



**3.6**

River Miles Restored



**16**

Drinking Water and  
Water Quality Projects



## Grantee: Trout Unlimited



**Project location: Grand County and More!**



**Award Amount: \$16K;  
\$50K**



**Project goals: Research feasibility of alternative forage crops for producers**



Photo Credit: Colorado State University

# **Intermountain West Alternative Forage Project - Phase 1**



**Grantee: Northwest Colorado Council of Governments**

 **Project Location: Eagle; Grand; Gunnison; Pitkin; Routt and Summit County**

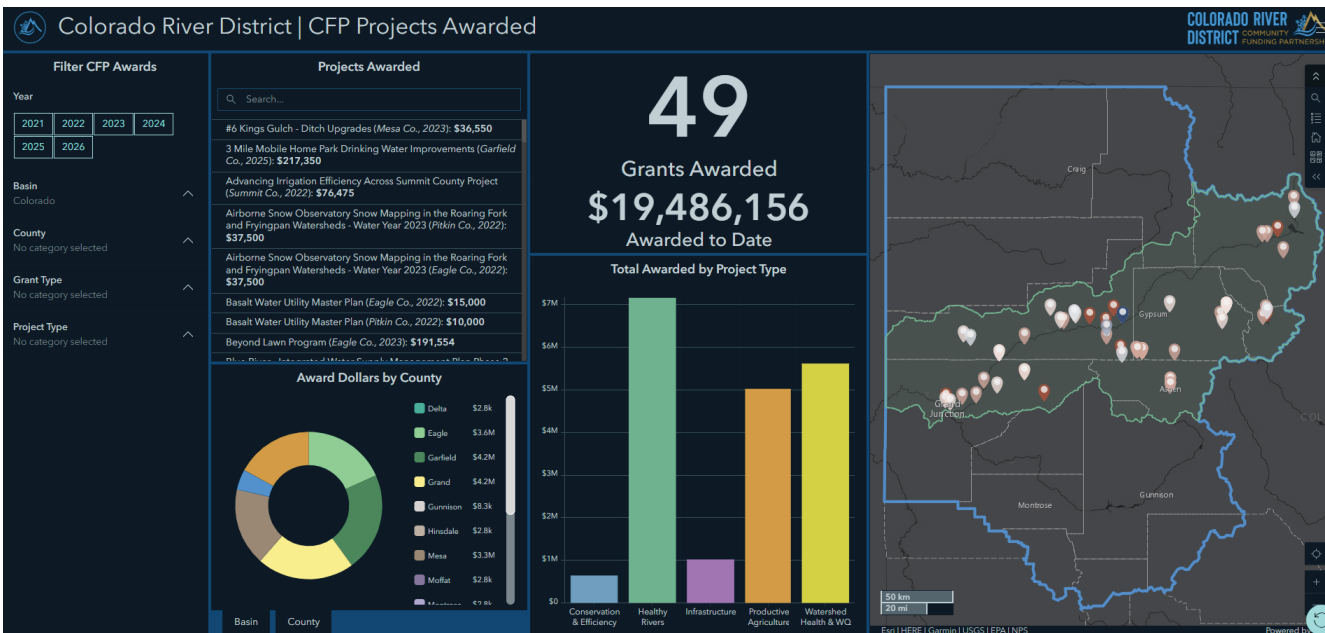
 **Award Amount: \$33K**

 **Project Goals: Evaluate economic importance of water in headwaters communities**



**Water and Its Relationship to the Economies of the Headwaters Counties Study Update and Outreach**

# Colorado Basin



## Project Highlights:

- **Colorado River Connectivity Channel (\$1M)**
- **Juniata Enlarged Piping Ditch Project (\$25K)**
- **Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative (\$48.5K)**
- **Middle Colorado Ag Collaborative (\$50K, \$100K)**
- **Minturn Water Storage Tank (\$250K)**
- **Roan Creek Fish Barrier (\$9.5K; \$41K)**



**Many thanks to the Campbell family**





# Ready to Learn More?

CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD



1.

**Review program website and materials.**

2.

**Sign up for a 15-minute phone call online.**

3.

**Submit an application (rolling submissions)**





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# Application form



**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAMMATIC GRANT APPLICATION**

18-NW-P

**PROJECT BASICS**

Name of Project Wolford OHV Trail System Phase 1 Implementation Date 12/04/2025

Total Project Cost \$ 122,691.00 Grant Request \$ 111,080.00  
 (Round to the nearest \$1) (Round to the nearest \$1)

**APPLICANT**

Type  Non-profit  State  Federal  Tribal  Other

Organization Bureau of Land Management - Kremmling Field Office

Postal address 2103 Park Ave

City Kremmling State CO ZIP Code 80459

General email ABorek@BLM.Gov UEI #

**PROJECT CONTACT**

Contact name Andy Borek Title Outdoor Recreation Planner

Telephone (970) 531-3208 Email ABorek@BLM.Gov

Postal address 2103 Park Ave

City Kremmling State CO ZIP Code 80459

**PROJECT CLOSEOUT CONTACT / GRANTS & AGREEMENTS (USFS) / BUDGET CONTACT (BLM)**

Contact name Charlie Bird (She/Her) Title Budget Analyst, CO State Office

Telephone (435) 705-3094 Email CBird@BLM.Gov

Postal address PO Box 151029 Denver Federal Center- Building 40

City Lakewood State CO ZIP Code 80215

**PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR**

Organization  N/A

Contact name Title

Telephone Email

Postal address

City State ZIP Code

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City Kremmling Colorado

County(ies) Grand, Jackson, Routt, Eagle, Larimer

GPS Point of Reference 40.0761524149586, -106.36823040083637

Township/Range/Section T12N, R75W – R83W (all BLM administered lands within this area)

State Senate District # 5,8,15 State Representative District # 13,26,49,61

**LAND OWNERSHIP**

Provide the name(s) of the property owners

The trail corridor is controlled by

- Fee Simple     
  Lease     
  Easement     
  License     
  Right-of-Way  
 Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained     
  Other Federal

**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION**  
(List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Single Track 15      50" 25      Full Sized 120

**TRAIL USER INFORMATION**  
(Please check all that apply to work planned for this project)

- All-Terrain Vehicle     
  Side x Side     
  Full Sized 4x4  
 Motorcycling     
  Accessible Access

**PROJECT INFORMATION**  
(Please check all activities that apply to this project and include detailed information for each in the project's scope of work)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Trail Construction*<br>(Approved through Travel Management Decision)<br>Miles/ft. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Reroute*<br>(That will require new or additional environmental approvals)<br>Miles/ft. closed _____<br>Miles/ft. added _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps Crews or Interns  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other  |

\*New Trail Construction & Major Reroute: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

**TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**  
(Using your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below)

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| 20% | Program maintenance (erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.) |
| 10% | Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)  |
| 50% | Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs and installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)           |
| 20% | Equipment, Materials, Signage, Youth Corps, Miscellaneous (equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)                                  |

Total = 100%

| PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK  |   |
|--|---|
| Project Name Wolford OHV Trail System Phase 1 Implementation       | Project #<br>(to be completed by CPW)               |
| Project Sponsor Bureau of Land Management - Kremmling Field Office | Application Year 2026-2027                          |
| Project Contact Andy Borek - KFO Recreation Planner                | Application # <b>18</b><br>(to be completed by CPW) |
| Total Project Cost \$122,691                                       | Grant Request \$111,080                             |

This proposal seeks funding to implement the first phase of the Wolford Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) trail system redesign, following the (anticipated) comprehensive planning and assessment completed in 2026. The 2027 implementation will focus exclusively on constructing sustainable trail infrastructure, mitigating impacts to critical wildlife habitat, and implementing connector and priority recommended trails. The project directly supports the BLM Kremmling Field Office’s Resource Management Plan (RMP) and addresses the dual need for high-quality recreation access and protection of sensitive wildlife resources, including critical big game winter range and sage-grouse habitat.

The 2026 planning grant enabled the KFO to assess the existing trail network within the SRMA, revealing a system largely composed of user-created routes that lacked consideration for wildlife or habitat connectivity. The planning process, which includes community engagement and technical analysis, will produce a redesigned stacked-loop trail system aligned with Appendix P of the RMP. This design prioritizes sustainable recreation while avoiding sensitive habitat areas and minimizing fragmentation. The planning phase is expected to identify strong needs for interpretive signage and public education to support responsible recreation.

In 2027, the KFO will begin implementing this vision. Phase I will include the construction of approximately three miles of new trail, built in segments to create sustainable loops and connectors that replace or bypass unsustainable routes. Based on current regional benchmarks, a construction cost of \$7.00 per linear foot was used to reflect a combination of machine and hand-built methods. This figure includes labor, equipment, and materials for sustainable single-track trail construction utilizing either contractor machine construction or youth labor depending on application. At a (2025) rate of \$12,778 per week, RMYC crews could be deployed for at least four weeks, contributing to trail construction & habitat restoration. Additional support will come from Grand County Headwaters Trails Alliance, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, and the Wolford Trail Riders.

Restoration and habitat work will be led by the Kremmling Field Office’s in-house federal ecologist and biologist, ensuring riparian habitat integrity and compliance with best management practices. This work will be supported by partners and volunteer labor; leveraging in-kind labor valued at \$34.79/hour, consistent with current federal volunteer valuation standards

This federal grant request is anticipated to be strategically combined with a locally sourced Grand County Open Lands and Trails Grant, written and administered by Headwaters Trails Alliance. This local match demonstrates strong community support and ensures that grant funds are leveraged for maximum impact. Implementation will be carefully timed to avoid disturbance during critical wildlife periods. Evaluation will include pre and post-construction habitat assessments, trail use monitoring, and visitor feedback. Success will be measured by reduced habitat impacts, increased trail sustainability, and improved visitor experience. Long-term maintenance will be supported through continued partnerships and integration into BLM’s annual field operations.

This project represents a critical step toward balancing recreation and conservation in one of Grand County’s most popular OHV areas. This funding will ensure that the Wolford Mountain SRMA becomes a model for sustainable, wildlife-conscious recreation management.

## Budget Form

**Project Name: Wolford OHV Trail System Phase 1 Implementation**

**Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2027**

**Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office**

**\*\*\*ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.\*\*\* (Round amounts to nearest dollar)**

| PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES<br><small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small> | CASH                        | In-Kind<br>(Non-Cash)<br>Contributions | TOTAL                |
|---|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| OHV Grant Funding (Youth Corps or contractor machine trail construction 3 Mi @ \$7.00/Foot)   | \$ -                        | \$ -                                   | \$ 111,080.00        |
| Other Funding Sources   | \$ -                        | \$ -                                   | \$ -                 |
| BLM - Vehicles not funded by grant, grant oversight, management GS 11 Recreation Planner 160 Hours  | \$ 7,741.00                 | \$ -                                   | \$ 7,741.00          |
| BLM - grant oversight GS 11 Ecological Specialist 40 Hours  | \$ 1,935.00                 | \$ -                                   | \$ 1,935.00          |
| BLM - grant oversight GS 11 Biological Specialist 40 Hours  | \$ 1,935.00                 | \$ -                                   | \$ 1,935.00          |
| <b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b><br><small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>   | <b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b> |  | <b>\$ 122,691.00</b> |

| I. Personnel Costs<br><small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, **travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>  |           |          |                       |                      |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Club Member/Employee Name or Title<br><small>(Indicate if crew member is a permanent or seasonal employee.)</small>   | \$ Per Hr |          |                       | Total Cost           |
|   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                 |
| <small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>  | #REF!     |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
| II. Project Materials/Supplies<br><small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>   |           |          |                       |                      |
|   | Price Per | Quantity | Total                 |                      |
| <i>Will utilize Good Management funds for materials for phase 1 implementation</i>  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
| III. Equipment<br><small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>  |           |          |                       |                      |
| <i>Will utilize Good Management equipment for for phase 1 implementation</i>  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
| III.A. FLEET Equipment<br><small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>  |           |          |                       |                      |
| <i>Provided by BLM</i>  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
| IV. Contracted Services<br><small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>  |           |          |                       |                      |
| Colorado Youth Corps and/or Contractor machine trail construction   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ 110,880.00        |
|   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ 110,880.00</b> |
| V. Volunteer Support<br><small>Identify as: <b>For Volunteers Only</b> Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small> |           |          |                       |                      |
| Volunteer End of Season celebration and recognition   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ 200.00            |
|   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ 200.00</b>     |
| VI. Insurance<br><small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>   |           |          |                       |                      |
|   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
| VII. Grant Administrative Costs <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small><br><small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer &amp; printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>                               |           |          |                       |                      |
|   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                 |
|   |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          |
|   |           |          | <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$ 111,080.00</b> |

\* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

# C-1

## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

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|--------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Project Name | <i>Wolford OHV Trail System Phase 1 Implementation</i> | Project Sponsor | <i>Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office</i> |
|--------------|--|-----------------|---|

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**As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:**

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| <i>Kremmling Approved Resource Management Plan</i>                               | Date: <i>6/19/2015</i> |
| <i>Northwest Colorado Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment</i> | <i>9/15/2015</i>       |

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3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:

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If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

*Projects not included in RMP decisions would require additional NEPA analysis. RMP directs the development of any Recreation Management Plans Wolford SRMA. As needed travel Management Plan modification will require an amendment and NEPA processes. The KFO NEPA ID Team is fully aware of this project and anticipated timeline.*

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For more information contact:

*Andrew (Andy) Borek Outdoor Recreation Planner 970-531-3208*

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4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

None Known.

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Olivia Clark</i>            | <i>12/3/25</i> |
| <i>Assistant Field Manager</i> |                |
| <i>Kremmling Field Office</i>  |                |

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**OLIVIA CLARK**

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*12/3/2025*

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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## Budget

(Reminder on website as a separate download)

Please download and save the excel version of the Budget Form to submit with your application.

Tips for preparing your budget:

- Are all budget items eligible for OHV grant funding?
- Are budget items representative of the project’s Scope of Work?
- Are all other sources of funding for this project listed?
- Is the project completion date included and as accurate as possible?
- Have contractor, youth program, or other specialty service costs been verified?
- Do you plan on any OHV appropriate training/conferences for staff?
- Did you include a quote for requested equipment valued at \$5,000 or more?
- Did you check your math and formulas on the excel budget?
  - *Each line item should be rounded to the nearest dollar so that your project total does not include cents.*
- Is the “Requested Amount” on the application the same as “OHV Grant Funding” amount?

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## C-1 Federal Environmental Information and Land Manager Approval

(Reminder on website as a separate download)

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## C-2 Non-Federal Environmental Information and Land Manager Approval

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## D-1 PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA (Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria. We have a four page maximum.)

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to respond. If your answer does not fill the entire page, please do not feel obligated to fill the space. The application will be scored out of 100 points. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is 25 points. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and the State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project’s score. Please reference all attachments.

**1. Need for & Benefit of the Project****25 points**

The Wolford Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) is one of the most heavily used OHV destinations also located within Sage Grouse habitat & critical Big Game winter range in northwest Colorado. Located just north of Kremmling, it serves a wide range of users from Grand County, Routt County, and the Colorado Front Range. It is also a major recreational outlet for the youth of Kremmling; who in an informal poll, ¾ of middle and high school students proudly identified as OHV riders. However, the current trail system—largely user-created, with limited sanctioned singletrack opportunities and minimally maintained—has become unsustainable, fragmented, and damaging to wildlife habitat. The 2026 planning grant funds a comprehensive travel management plan and environmental assessment, which it's anticipated will identify a clear need for implementation of a community driven, sustainable stacked-loop trail system.

***What will the project accomplish?***

This 2027 project will construct approximately three miles of new singletrack trail, designed to replace or bypass unsustainable routes and improve connectivity within the SRMA. It will also decommission and restore redundant or ecologically harmful routes, especially in riparian areas. Wolford SRMA also has numerous culturally significant locations that are threatened by “closed” routes that exist on the ground & have not been fully rehabilitated. As a result, public incursion and illegal motorized use continue to threaten these sensitive sites. The project will properly restore routes that are not critical to recreational users, install barriers, educational signage, engage local volunteers, and promote the local adopt A trail program (managed by Headwaters Trails Alliance) to support long-term maintenance of new routes and establish a sense of ownership and pride within the community.

***How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?***

By replacing user-created trails with professionally designed, sustainable routes, the project will reduce erosion, improve safety, and enhance the overall riding experience. New trail segments will be built to modern standards, offering better flow, challenge, and durability. Clear signage and loop connectivity will reduce user confusion and discourage off-route travel, helping to preserve access while protecting sensitive habitats.

***Will it provide essential maintenance?***

Yes. While the 2026 planning phase focuses on assessment and design, this implementation phase will address long-overdue maintenance needs by physically replacing degraded routes and restoring damaged areas. The SRMA has received only basic maintenance in recent years, and this project represents the first coordinated effort to bring the trail system into compliance with BLM and industry standards.

***How will it foster a satisfactory and challenging riding experience?***

The new trail segments will be constructed using best practices from the “Great Trails” guidelines, offering riders a variety of loop options with different levels of difficulty, terrain, and scenic value. The stacked-loop design allows users to customize their experience based on time, skill, and vehicle type. This approach will reduce user conflict, improve safety, and increase satisfaction for both local and visiting OHV enthusiasts.

***Why is this project a priority now?***

The planning, environmental review, and public engagement for Wolford SRMA will have already been completed through the 2026 grant. The SRMA is experiencing increasing use, and without immediate implementation, the area risks further habitat degradation, user-created trail proliferation, and loss of public trust. This project will be shovel-ready (including NEPA fully completed by the contractor) by 2027 and represents a critical opportunity to act on the momentum and community support generated during the planning phase.

## 2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage

25 points

The 2027 implementation phase of the Wolford SRMA trail system project is backed by a strong coalition of partners, community organizations, and local governments. This project builds directly on the momentum and relationships established during the 2026 planning grant, which received letters of support from the Town of Kremmling, Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA), Northern Colorado Trail Riders (NCTR), and other stakeholders. These letters are included in the application packet and reflect a broad spectrum of support from user groups, conservation advocates, and local economic interests.

### **Project Partners and Roles:**

*Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA):* HTA will be co-authoring a 2027 complementary Grand County Open Lands and Trails Grant to provide local funding to grow the capability of phase 1 implementation and utilize established local funding streams dedicated for trail and recreational investment. HTA will also coordinate volunteer events and assist with trail layout and restoration logistics.

*Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC):* RMYC will provide at least four weeks of conservation crew labor for trail construction and habitat restoration. Their crews bring professional training and youth engagement to the project.

*Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC):* VOC will assist with volunteer recruitment and stewardship projects. The Kremmling Field Office has been cultivating a relationship with VOC since 2024 and has hosted multiple VOC work parties and VOC leadership trainings on KFO trails.

*Wolford Trail Riders:* Led by a Kremmling town trustee and local powersports shop owner, this informal local OHV “group” will contribute volunteer labor and assist with public outreach and education. They have a longstanding relationship with Kremmling BLM and have maintained our recreational facilities, provided pro bono heavy machine trail reconstruction efforts and assist with ongoing trail surveying and monitoring.

*BLM Kremmling Field Office:* In addition to project management, BLM will provide in-kind contributions through the work of its in-house ecologist and biologist, who will lead habitat restoration efforts, particularly in riparian areas. The KFO will also provide equipment, vehicles and personnel which are funded via CPW Good Management OHV Grant Program.

### **Volunteer and Youth Engagement:**

The project will utilize both youth corps crews and community volunteers. Volunteer labor will be valued at \$34.79/hour, and will be used for trail construction, decommissioning, habitat restoration, and signage installation. This approach not only reduces costs but also builds local stewardship and long-term sustainability.

### **Controversy and Community Alignment:**

There is no known controversy associated with this project. On the contrary, the planning process included extensive public engagement and received strong support from local residents, businesses, and recreation groups. The project aligns with the BLM’s “Blueprint for 21st Century Recreation” and the Kremmling RMP, and is seen as a critical step toward improving both access and conservation in the SRMA.

The Kremmling Field Office feels this level of collaboration and cost-sharing demonstrates a high degree of local investment and ensures that grant funds will be maximized for on-the-ground impact.

### 3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities

25 points

The 2027 implementation phase of the Wolford SRMA trail system redesign will accomplish several key objectives: construction of new sustainable trail segments, decommissioning and rehabilitation of user-created routes, and restoration of sensitive habitat areas—particularly in riparian corridors. These activities are directly aligned with the BLM Kremmling Field Office’s Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the NEPA-compliant travel management plan modifications to be completed in 2026.

**Principal Objectives:**

*New Trail Construction:* Approximately three miles of new singletrack trail will be constructed to replace unsustainable or redundant routes. These segments will be designed to improve user flow, reduce erosion, and avoid sensitive habitat areas.

*Trail Decommissioning and Restoration:* High-impact user-created and surplus two track routes will be closed and restored using native vegetation and erosion control techniques. This work will be led by the KFO’s in-house ecologist and biologist, ensuring ecological best practices are followed.

*Volunteer and Youth Corps Engagement:* Rocky Mountain Youth Corps crews and local volunteers will assist with restoration and trail work, promoting stewardship and reducing labor costs.

**Environmental Benefits:**

This project will significantly improve environmental conditions in the SRMA by addressing existing problems and preventing future degradation.

*Protection of Sensitive Resources:* Trail reroutes and closures will reduce fragmentation of critical wildlife habitat. Including sage-grouse lekking areas and big game winter range. Seasonal closures and signage will further protect these areas during vulnerable periods.

*Riparian Restoration:* Decommissioned routes that currently impact riparian zones will be stabilized and re-vegetated using native seed mixes and erosion control materials. These efforts will improve water quality, reduce sedimentation, and restore natural hydrology.

*Erosion Control and Drainage Improvements:* New trail construction will incorporate rolling grade dips, outsloping, and other drainage features to prevent erosion and manage runoff. Where necessary, hardened crossings or small bridges will be installed to protect wet areas and streambanks.

*Long-Term Sustainability:* By replacing user-created route segments with professionally designed trails, the project will reduce the need for future maintenance and minimize long-term environmental impacts.

**Indirect Benefits:**

In addition to direct habitat protection, the project will:

- Reduce the spread of noxious weeds by eliminating unmanaged routes  
Improve compliance with NEPA and RMP directives
- Foster public awareness of conservation through signage and volunteer engagement
- Support regional wildlife management goals by reducing human-wildlife conflict

This project represents a critical step in transforming the Wolford SRMA into a model for sustainable OHV recreation that balances access with environmental stewardship.

#### 4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement

25 points

The 2027 implementation phase of the Wolford SRMA project represents a critical step in executing the BLM Kremmling Field Office's Travel Management Plan (TMP) and Environmental Assessment completed in 2026. This project will directly implement key travel management strategies, improve user education, and support long-term compliance with the 2015 approved KFO RMP and Travel Management Plan.

##### ***Travel Management:***

This project will construct new, sustainable trail segments and decommission user-created routes in accordance with the TMP. These actions will:

- Reduce route proliferation by replacing redundant or unauthorized trails with designated, well-marked routes.
- Improve user navigation and compliance through the installation of new signage, including trail markers, regulatory signs, and interpretive kiosks.
- Support multiple-use recreation by designing trail segments that accommodate motorcycles, ATVs, and side-by-sides while minimizing user conflict through thoughtful layout and loop connectivity.
- Rehabilitate non-system routes through re-contouring, re-vegetation, and physical closures, especially in riparian and wildlife-sensitive areas.
- All trail work will be consistent with the long-term goals of the Kremmling Resource Management Plan and the 2026 TMP modifications, which emphasize sustainable access, habitat protection, and NEPA compliance.

##### ***Education:***

The following tools and strategies will be used to promote responsible OHV use:

- On-site signage and kiosks will provide maps, seasonal closure information, and Leave No Trace messaging.
- Printed brochures and digital maps will be developed in partnership with Headwaters Trails Alliance and distributed through local businesses and visitor centers.
- Interpretive signage will be co-developed with local partners like CPW and tribal representatives to highlight cultural and wildlife values of the SRMA.
- These efforts will ensure that both local and visiting riders understand the importance of staying on designated routes and respecting seasonal closures and sensitive habitats.

##### ***Enforcement and Compliance:***

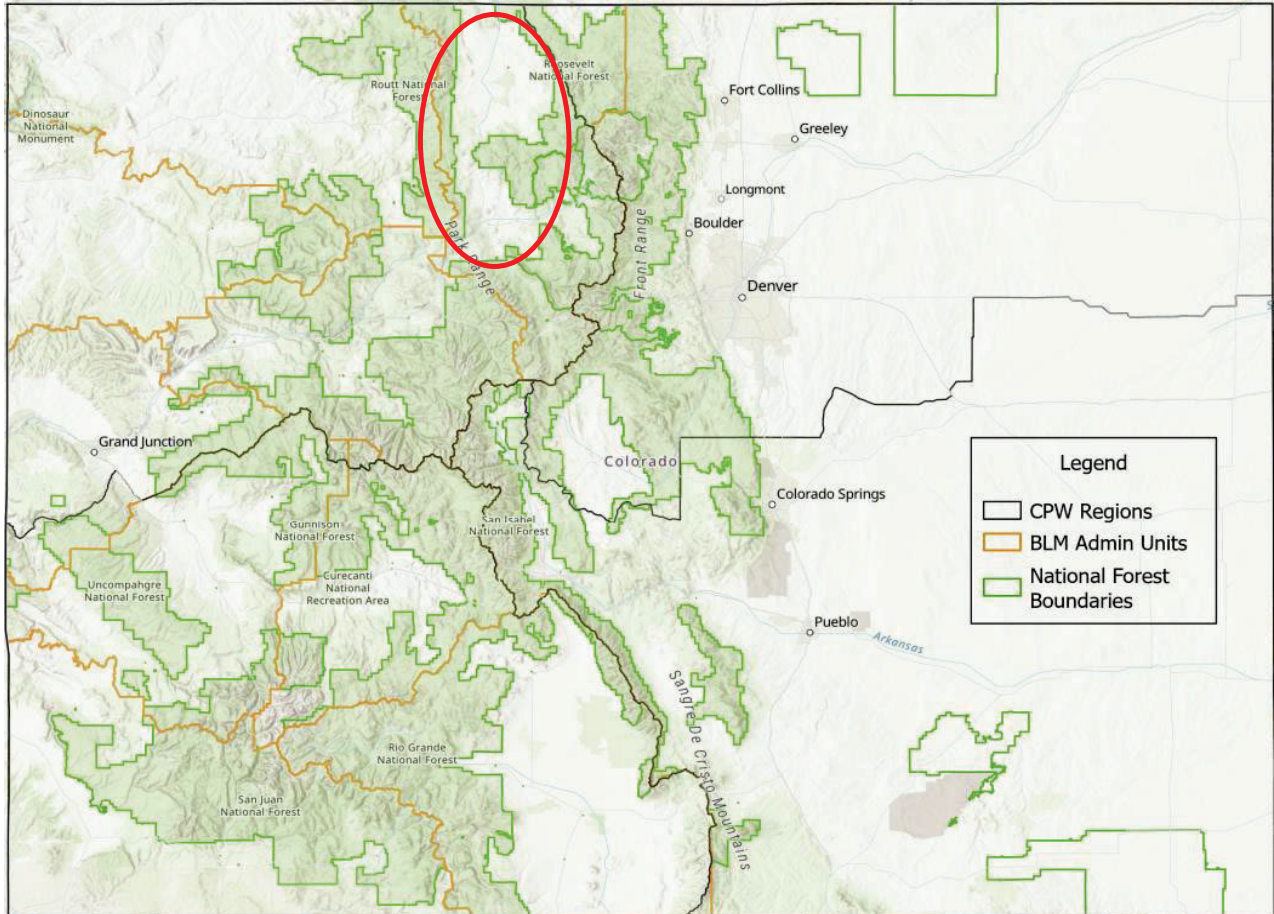
While this project does not directly fund law enforcement personnel, it will significantly improve the conditions necessary for effective compliance.

- Clearly marked routes and closures will reduce confusion and improve voluntary compliance with OHV regulations while improved signage and maps will support BLM and partner patrols in educating users and enforcing route designations.
- Volunteer trail adopters and local OHV groups will assist with informal monitoring and reporting of issues. Restoration of closed routes will include physical barriers and natural camouflage to discourage re-use.
- The BLM Kremmling Field Office will continue to coordinate with local law enforcement and BLM Rangers to monitor and maintain a presence within the area.

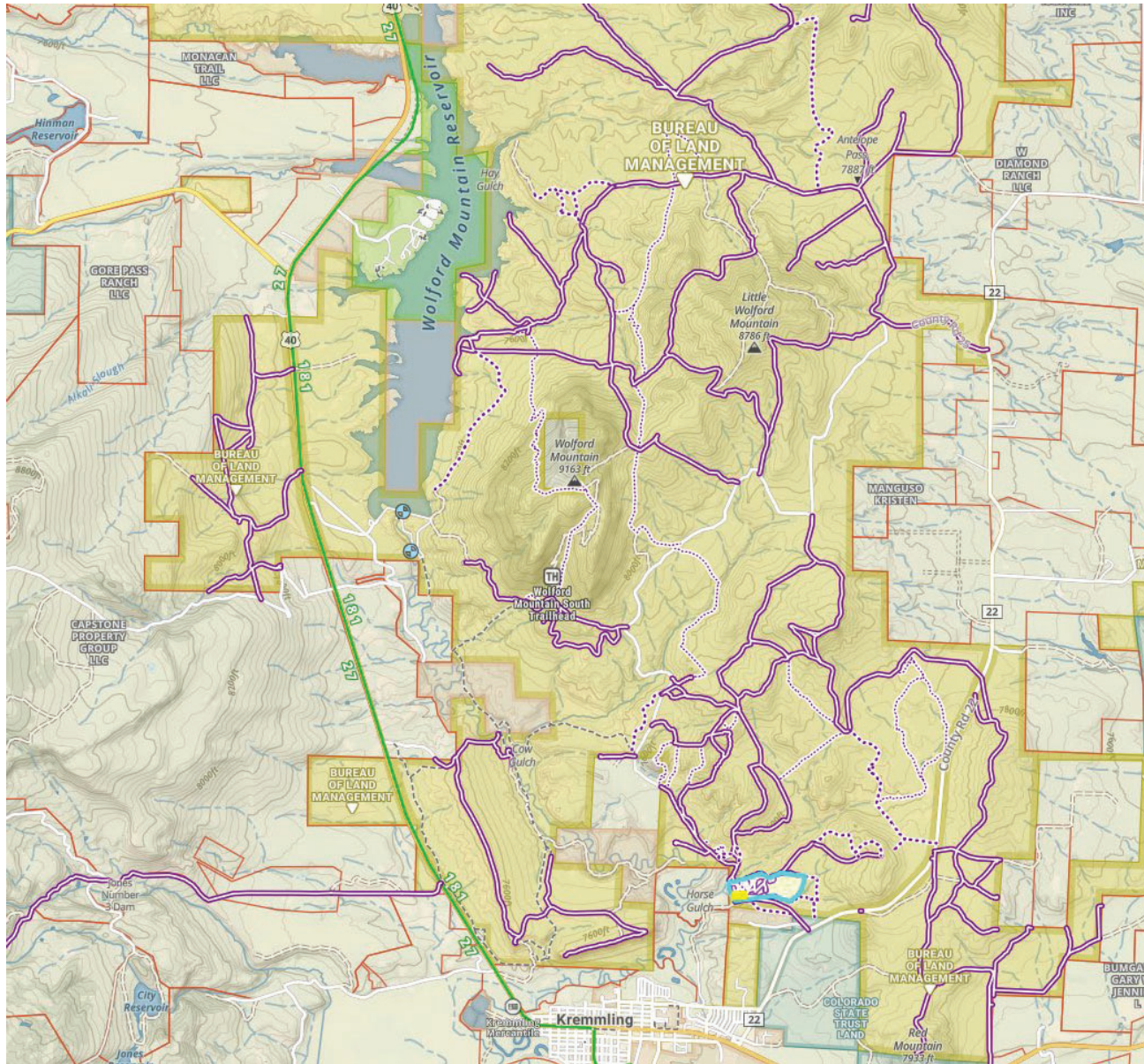
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Vicinity Map

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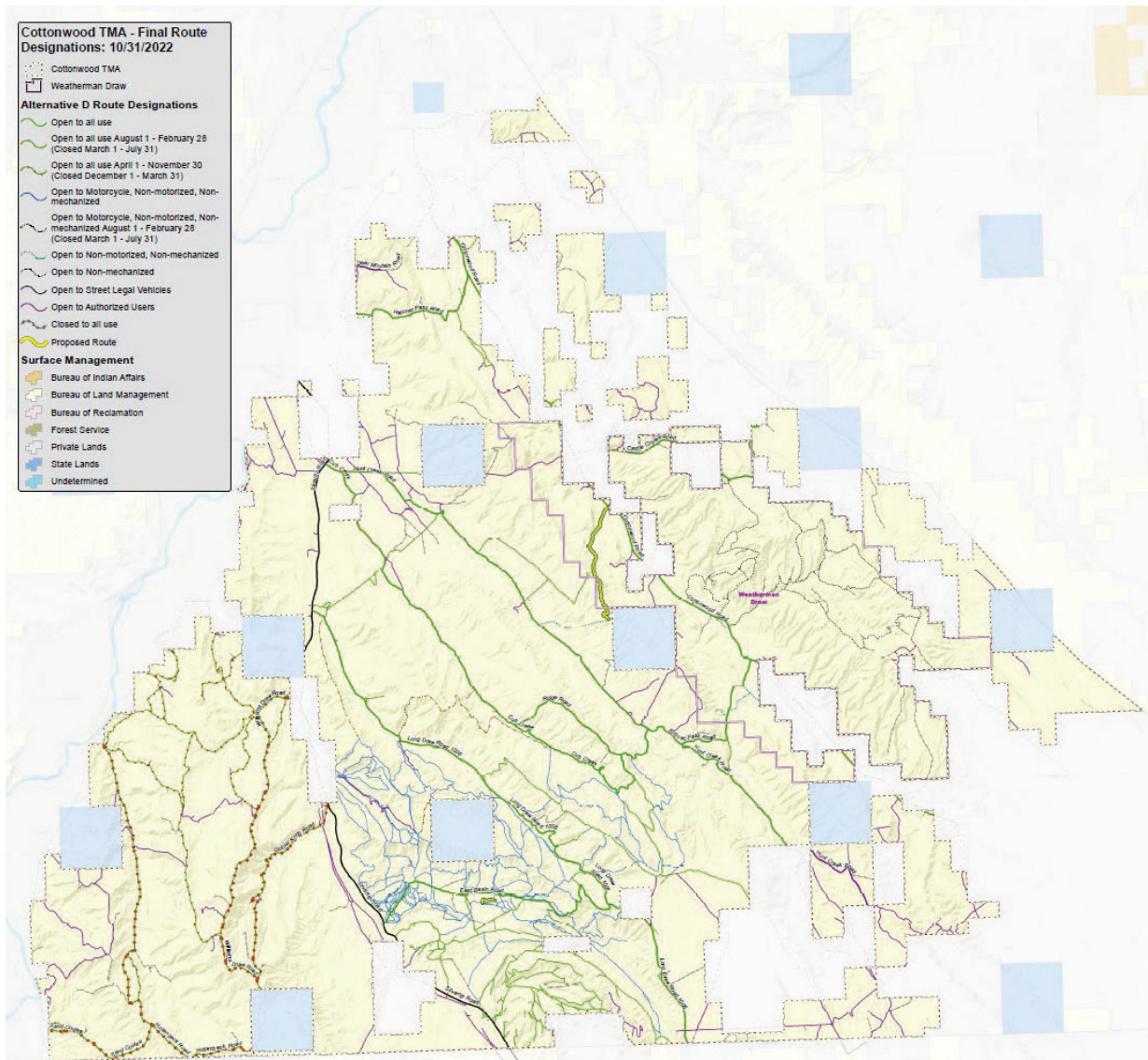


# E-2 Project Maps



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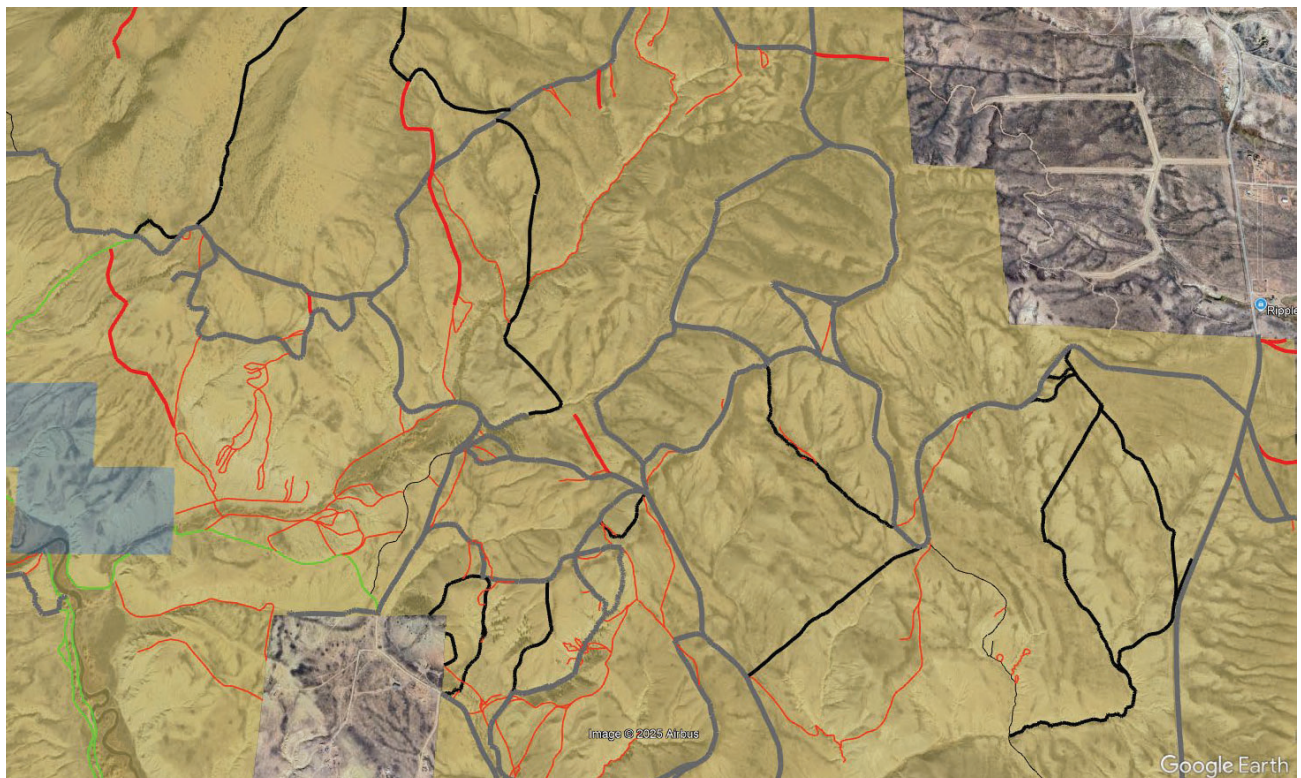
**Project Illustration**  
(Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams)



Example of professionally completed Travel Management Planning BLM Billings Field Office



Example of two-track "closed" routes that need to be naturalized, physical barriers placed and the mileage converted to actual trails that can be utilized by riders



Google Earth overlay of the current Wolford Travel routes. All RED routes are "closed" but continue to be used by the public and contribute to user created trail access or route creation. Portions of these red routes could be utilized once superfluous currently open routed are decommissioned.

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Letters of Project Support



**Town of Kremmling**  
200 Eagle Ave. | P.O. Box 538  
Kremmling, CO 80459-0538  
Office 970.724.3249  
<https://townofkremmling.colorado.gov/>

December 4, 2025

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Town of Kremmling strongly supports the Bureau of Land Management's request for a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife aimed at analyzing, improving, and developing the trail system in the Wolford Mountain area.

This trail system is a great asset to the community and has been identified as needing improvements focused on sustainability and trail expansion with an emphasis on a sufficient inventory of sustainable loop and stacked loop experiences. This support highlights the advantages of the Wolford Special Recreation Management Area and off-highway vehicle (OHV) usage, which are vital for the economic sustainability of Kremmling and represent one of the limited opportunities for tourism in the region. It is anticipated that the establishment of a sustainable trail system will enhance the prospects for riding and outdoor recreational activities in Kremmling.

The significance of high-quality trails cannot be overstated. BLM's unwavering commitment to ensuring resources are available for maintaining the trails not only benefits the present but also secures a bright future for Grand County, allowing future generations to experience the same natural splendor we cherish today. We strongly encourage you to support this grant application, acknowledging the deep and enduring benefits it will bring to the region's outdoor recreation economy, the environment, and the overall quality of life for both residents and visitors.

Thank you,

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Jen MacPherson  
Town Manager



**OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee**

12.3.2025

Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support - Wolford OHV Trail System Redevelopment 2027

Dear Members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this letter from the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as formal support for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kremmling Field Office's (KFO) Wolford OHV Trail System Redevelopment project for 2027. The TPA is an advocacy organization dedicated to collaborating with public land managers - including the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and BLM - to preserve motorized trail riding and ensure fair, balanced access for multiple-use recreation across Colorado's public lands.

The Wolford Mountain SRMA, located directly north of Kremmling and east of the Wolford Reservoir, is one of the few areas providing nearly year-round access for outdoor recreation. It serves Grand County, surrounding rural communities, and the Colorado Front Range, offering opportunities for hikers, mountain bikers, motorcycle and ATV riders, equestrians, anglers, hunters, and winter recreationists. Our TPA Trail Crew Foreman has firsthand experience working in this area through the former USFS Statewide Trail Crew, and we are eager to contribute that knowledge, support project momentum, and ensure the redevelopment benefits all users.

Successful management of SRMAs requires thoughtful planning, development, and construction of sustainable routes. We recognize that the KFO has the expertise, commitment, and stewardship ethic needed to deliver this work at a high standard. The TPA fully supports securing the funding necessary for long-term management and implementation of this project.

TPA welcomes continued collaboration with the BLM KFO and its partners, particularly in trail planning, maintenance, and construction efforts and would offer the support of our Trail Crew at any time. We appreciate your consideration of the KFO's Wolford OHV Trail System Redevelopment Grant Application and strongly encourage approval.

Sincerely,

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Chad Hixon  
Executive Director  
Trails Preservation Alliance




December 2, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to begin by saying thanks to the BLM for the years of hard work developing and managing the trail system around Kremmling. Recreation is vital to our community, both from an economic standpoint as well as being a key part of the lifestyle we value. I have lived here and run a local business for over 35 years, and I use these trails often. Over the past decade we have experienced a steady increase in the number of trail users in the area which has led to new challenges and concerns for the system as a whole. I cannot overstate how much myself and the community support all efforts to improve our local trails. We are particularly in need of better consideration for trail sustainability and more stacked loop options, especially for single track users. We also need clearer signage, trail names, and better maps, etc. I hope funding and resources can be found so that our trail system can continue to be improved and better prepare for the future.

Thank you for considering my input. Our community truly values the local trail system and recreation areas, and consider it essential to life and wellbeing of the Kremmling area!

Sincerely,



Erik Woog

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December 3, 2025

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Headwaters Trails Alliance is in full support of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kremmling Field Office (KFO)'s Wolford Trail System improvements grant application. We commend the efforts of the KFO to plan and implement travel management decisions for the Wolford Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The KFO's Approved Resource Management Plan clearly identifies and directs the KFO to develop a "stacked loop trail system," and after undertaking the planning process in 2026, in 2027, the KFO will be able to start working on redeveloping the Wolford SRMA into a sustainable, high-quality, multi-use trail system area that becomes the economic driver of the Kremmling area while further protecting critical wildlife habitat and migration corridors.

Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy of trails and outdoor recreation in Grand County, Colorado. Our mission is to identify, maintain, and expand an accessible, interconnecting trail system for appropriate multi-user groups. Our goals include collaborating on local, state, and national levels to bring funding and other resources to Grand County for the benefit our local trail systems. HTA collaborates with local governments, land management agencies, private landowners, and other groups to ensure the viability and sustainability outdoor recreation infrastructure, including trail systems, as Grand County experiences over seven million annual visitors and its economy is 78% dependent upon outdoor recreation tourism. With the increasing visitation that the Wolford SRMA is receiving (over 650K annual visits), it is very important that the BLM KFO receive capacity support to successfully manage its OHV and multi-use recreation visitation and create sustainable opportunities that do not negatively impact wildlife.

HTA has a strong history of collaboration with BLM since 1996 and coordinates projects that include constructing new trails, maintaining existing trails, improving trailheads, hazard tree and noxious weed mitigation. HTA encourages the OHV Committee to support the KFO's application for Wolford SRMA trail improvements which will include new trail construction, reroutes, decommissioning and restoration work. Please reach out to [meara@headwaterstrails.org](mailto:meara@headwaterstrails.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Meara McQuain*

Meara McQuain  
Executive Director and President

P.O. Box 946 Granby, CO 80446 (970) 726-1013 [www.headwaterstrails.org](http://www.headwaterstrails.org)



# Northern Colorado Trail Riders

December 4, 2025

Colorado OHV Grants Subcommittee  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
13787 S Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

**Subject: Letter of Support**  
OHV Grant Cycle for 2026  
Wolford OHV Trail System Redevelopment – Phase II (Implementation)

Northern Colorado Trail Riders (NCTR) would like to express our support for the Programmatic Grant Application submitted by the Bureau of Land Management's Kremmling Field Office (KFO).

NCTR was founded in 1992 to protect and advocate for motorized trail use in Northern Colorado. Our members regularly recreate on the trails in the Wolford Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), an area that experiences heavy use from visitors throughout northern Colorado.

The Wolford Mountain SRMA is located directly north of Kremmling and east of Wolford Reservoir. It is one of the few areas accessible to outdoor enthusiasts for most of the year and offers recreational opportunities to residents of Grand County, surrounding counties, and the Colorado Front Range urban corridor. Visitors include hikers, mountain bikers, motorcycle and ATV riders, equestrians, anglers, and hunters, as well as winter recreationists.

Successful and productive management of Colorado SRMAs requires significant work in the planning, development, and construction of BLM routes. We recognize that the KFO possesses the skills and expertise necessary for this important work, complemented by their dedication to the land they manage. NCTR supports the objective of securing sufficient funding and long-term management commitments for all KFO partners.

NCTR intends to continue working closely with the Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office to address critical maintenance needs throughout their management area. We appreciate your consideration of the KFO's Programmatic Grant Application.

Thank you for your consideration.

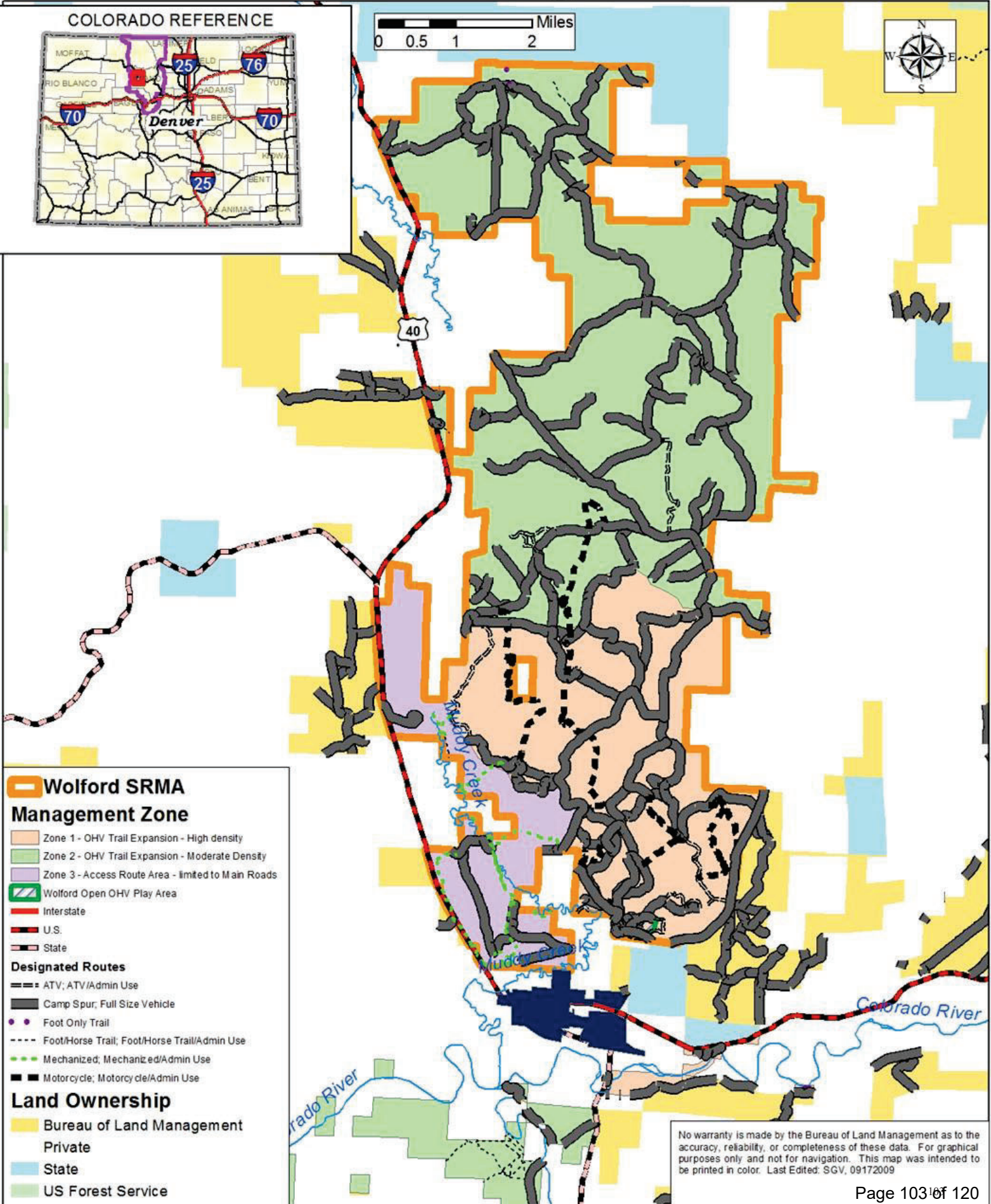
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Jim Evensen  
President, NCTR



## Recreation Area Management Plan Area

### COLORADO REFERENCE



**Wolford SRMA Management Zone**

- Zone 1 - OHV Trail Expansion - High density
- Zone 2 - OHV Trail Expansion - Moderate Density
- Zone 3 - Access Route Area - limited to Main Roads
- Wolford Open OHV Play Area

**Designated Routes**

- Interstate
- U.S.
- State
- ATV; ATV/Admin Use
- Camp Spur; Full Size Vehicle
- Foot Only Trail
- Foot/Horse Trail; Foot/Horse Trail/Admin Use
- Mechanized; Mechanized/Admin Use
- Motorcycle; Motorcycle/Admin Use

**Land Ownership**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State
- US Forest Service

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# Water Update

6/3/2026

# Drought

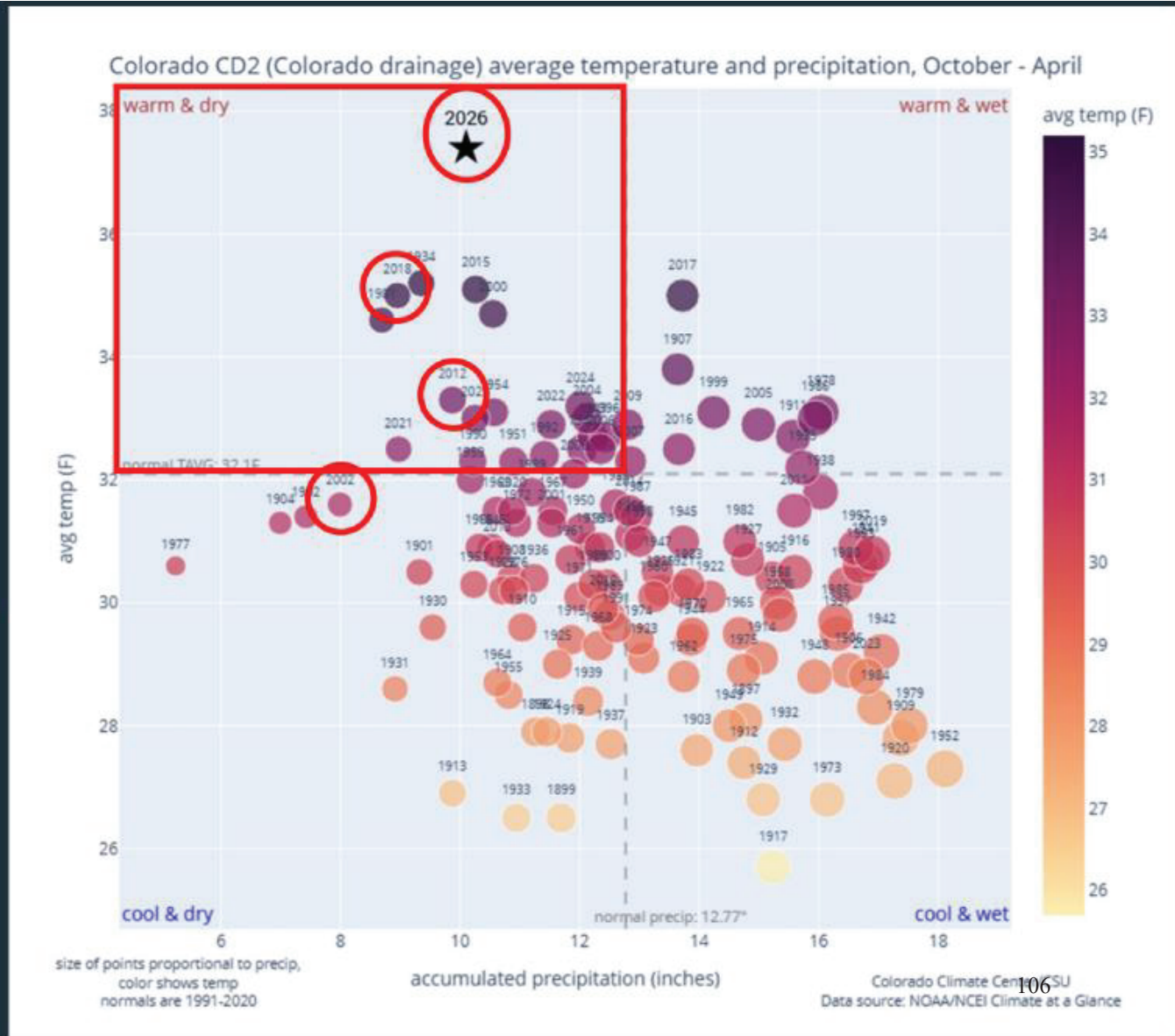
# Water Year 2026

## Warm, dry category

- 1<sup>st</sup> warmest
- 14<sup>th</sup> driest
- 132-year record

## Other Years to Consider

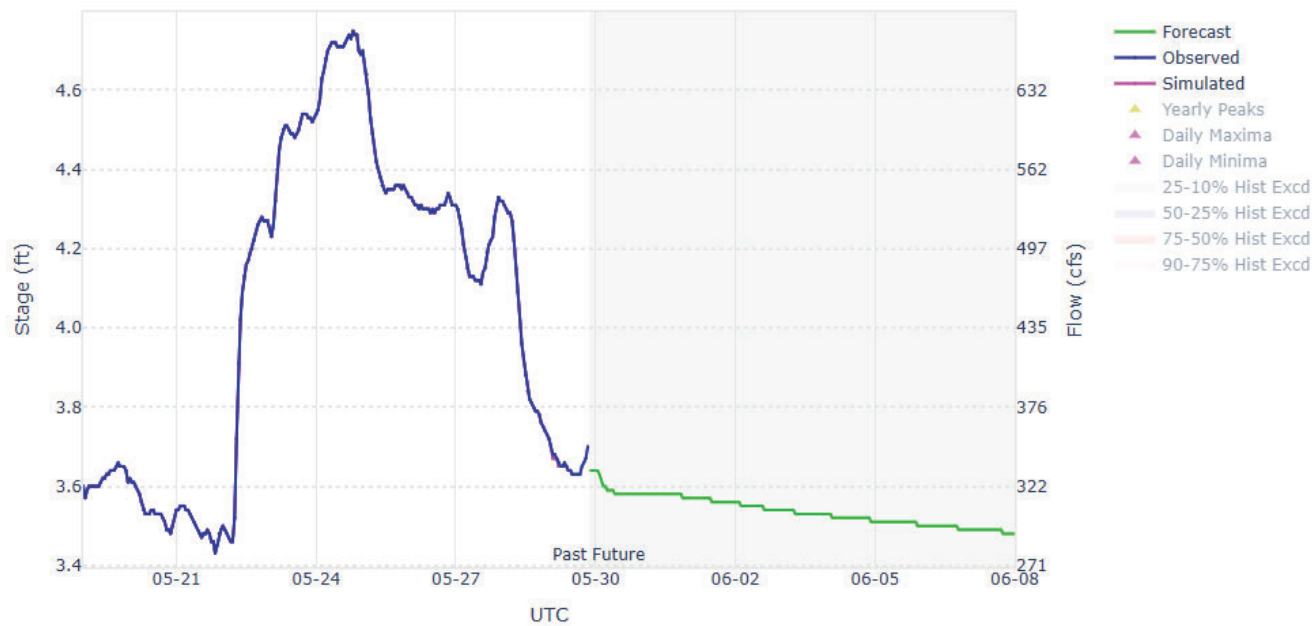
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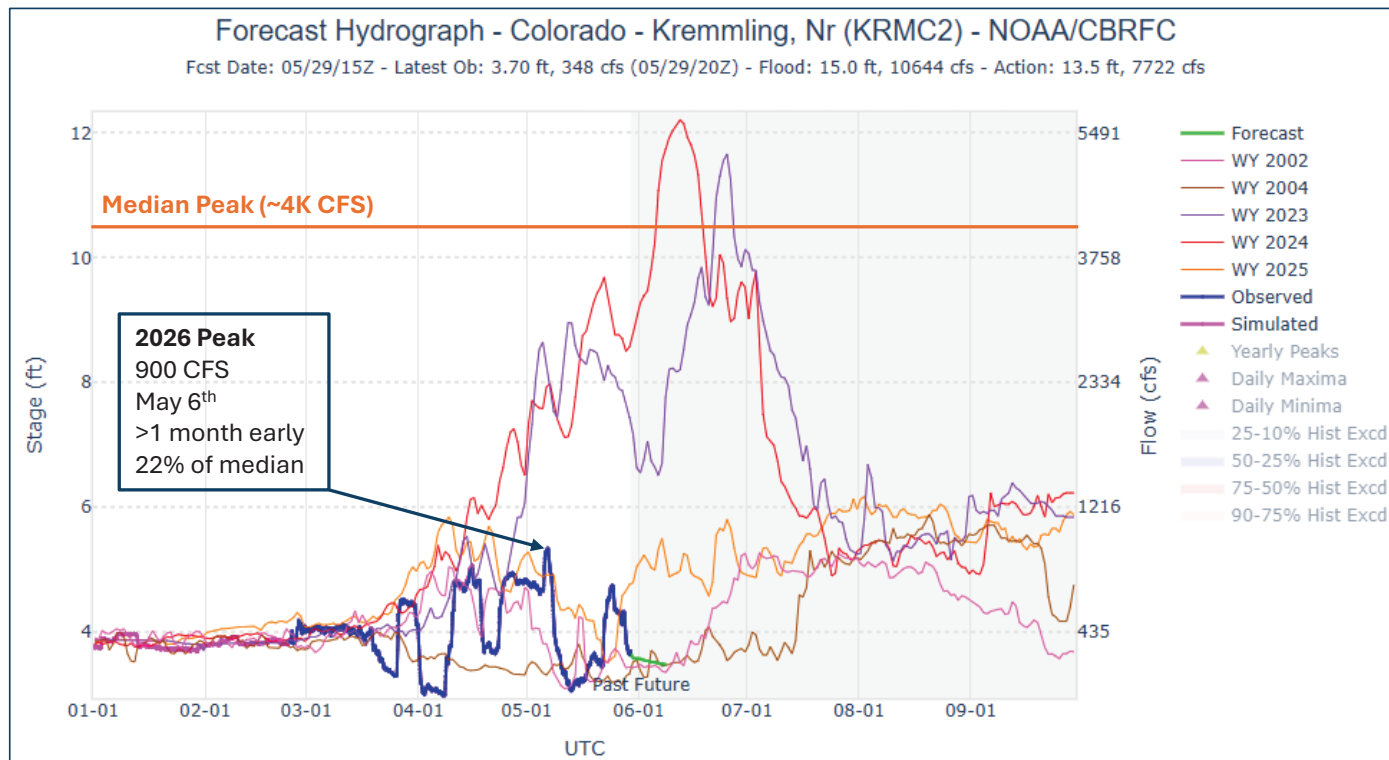
# Colorado River Levels – 2026 Actual & Forecast

Forecast Hydrograph - Colorado - Kremmling, Nr (KRMC2) - NOAA/CBRFC

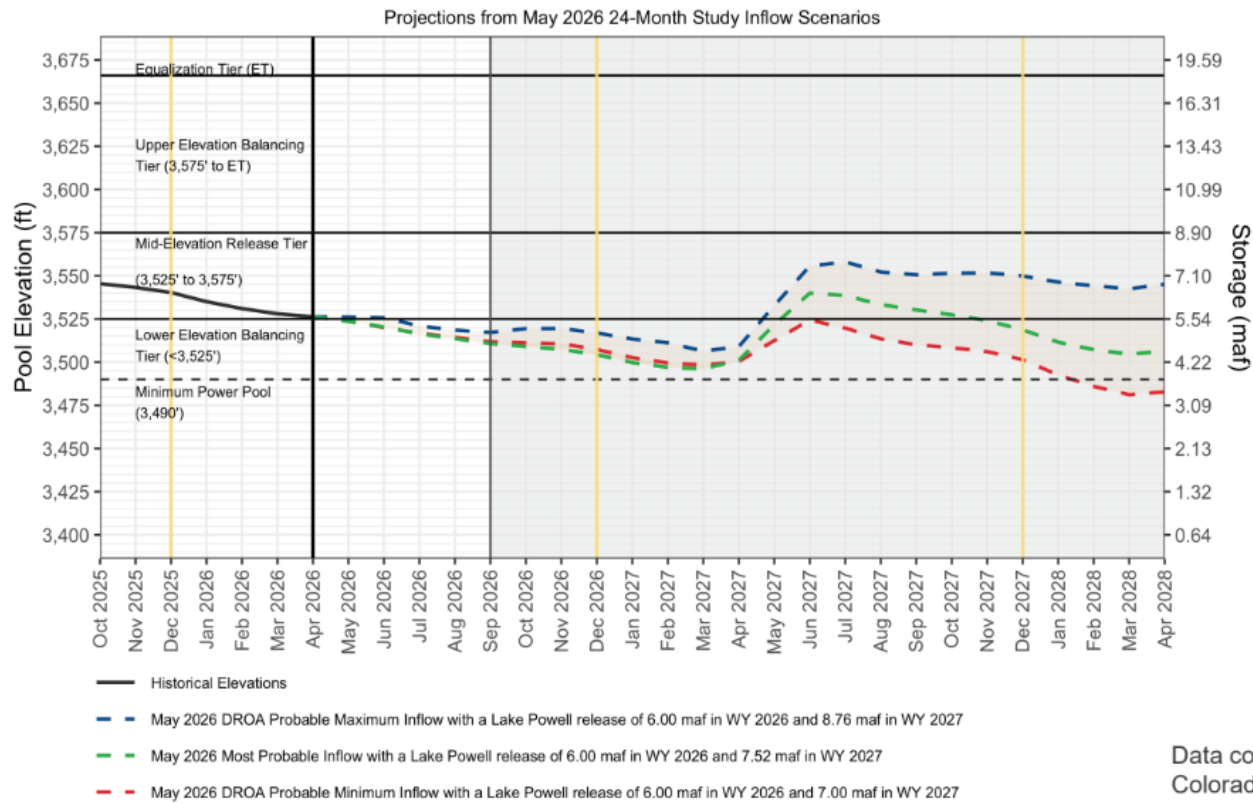
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# Colorado River Levels – Historical Data & 2026



# Lake Powell Projections – Multi-Year Problem



Data courtesy of the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center; USBR

# HUP & Emergency SWSP

# 2026 CRD Colorado Basin Drought Response

Strategic releases prioritized to protect water users downstream:

- Cities and towns
- Agricultural producers
- Ecosystem health



Historic User Pool depleted in 2026



# Historic Users Pool (HUP)

- The HUP is a 66,000 acre-foot block of water in the Green Mountain Reservoir
- It supplies water to Western Slope agricultural and domestic entities
- The HUP was created in the 1940's when the Colorado-Big Thompson (CBT) project was built
- The CBT is one of the largest and most complex water diversion projects in the US
- It collects water from the headwaters of the Colorado River and diverts it to the Front Range
- The construction of the CBT threatened the water supply of pre-existing, senior Western Slope water users by capturing spring runoff that is later released to them
- Without the HUP water, senior users would place calls (like the Cameo call) which would disrupt junior upstream users and municipalities

# 2026 CRD Colorado Basin Drought Response

## *Impacted Water Entities Grand County*

### Historic User Pool/GMR Contract

- Town of Granby
- North Shore Community
- Grand County Water and Sanitation District
- Columbine Lake Water District
- Lake Forest Subdivision
- Town of Hot Sulphur Springs
- Town of Fraser
- Town of Grand Lake
- Town of Kremmling
- Shadow Mountain Estates
- YMCA of the Rockies
- C Lazy U Ranch
- Devil's Thumb Ranch
- Roadside Trailer Park
- Moraine Park
- Arapahoe Bay Owners Group
- Grand Lake Golf Course (Clubhouse)
- Rocky Mountain National Park

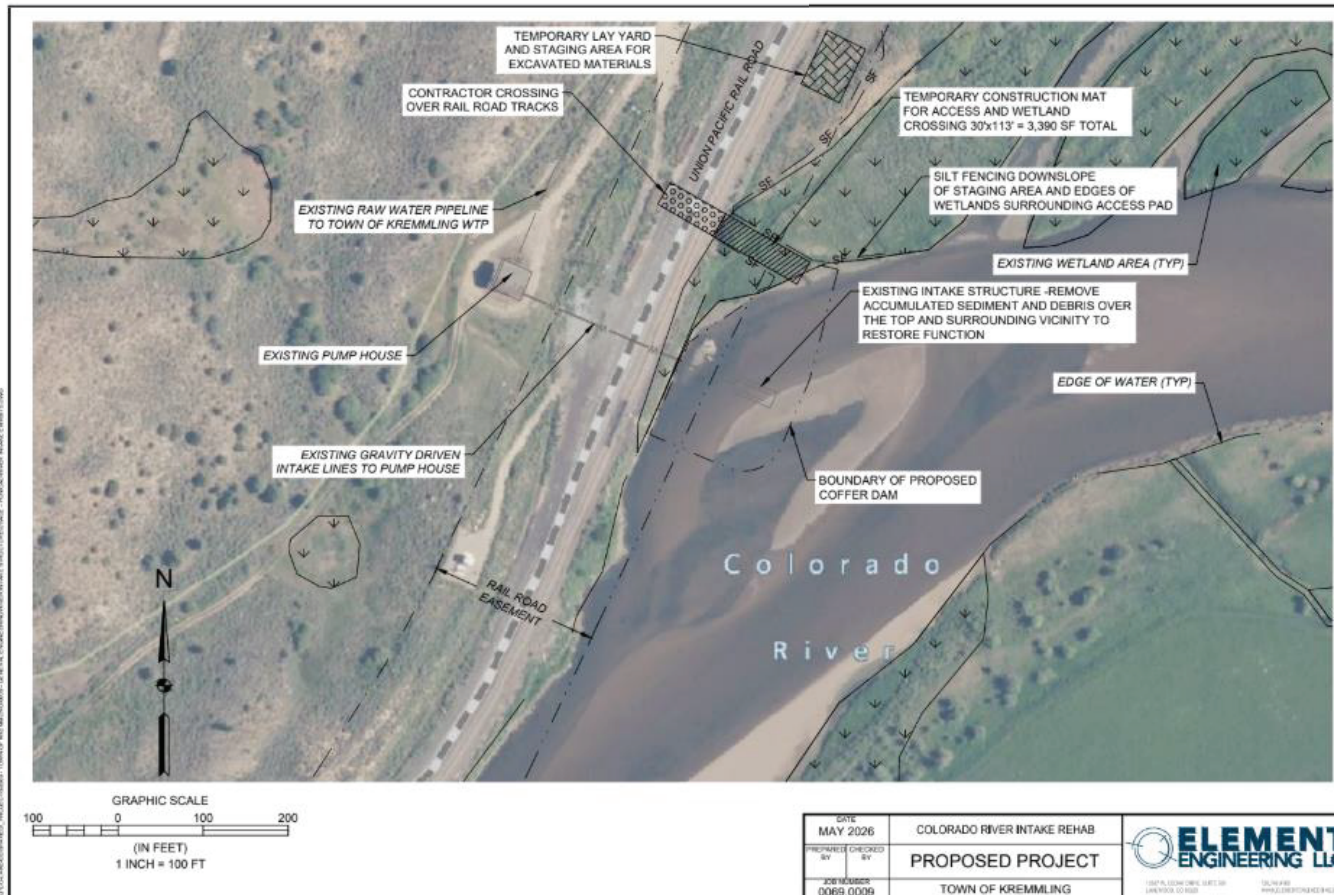


# How the HUP & Emergency SWSP Work

- When river flows drop in the last summer, senior Grand Valley users place the “**Cameo Call**”
- This call is **usually satisfied through the release of the HUP** out of Green Mountain
- In 2026, for the first time ever, the HUP will not fill completely
- To compensate, the Colorado River District is patching together alternative sources
- These alternative sources of water create an “**Emergency Substitute Water Supply Plan**”
- The Emergency SWSP is not without consequences
- Historically, a portion of the HUP is released to support fish - this year, that will not happen
- Additionally, HUP users who want to benefit from this SWSP will likely be required to **limit outdoor watering to once a week for lawns**
- The River District is also **prioritizing municipal and domestic needs** over everything else
- The plan has not been finalized, but is necessary and is being treated as such

# Colorado River Intake

# Existing Infrastructure



## Proposed Remediation

Element has come up with a plan to clean accumulated sediment and debris from the Town's existing raw water intake

The work is proposed as maintenance – no expansion, change in use or increase in design capacity

The work includes a temporary cofferdam around the intake, controlled dewatering, and sediment removal





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## Fwd: Mosquito Control Update

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**Jen MacPherson** <manager@townofkremmling.org>  
To: Teagan Serres <townclerk@townofkremmling.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2026 at 4:11 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Not sure if I sent this to you - we can include it in comms and I'll speak to it during the work session.

### Jen MacPherson

Kremmling Town Manager

[manager@townofkremmling.org](mailto:manager@townofkremmling.org)

C: 970.531.6343

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From: **Dana Shaw** <dshaw@vdc.net>  
Date: Fri, May 29, 2026 at 6:43 AM  
Subject: Mosquito Control Update  
To: Jen MacPherson <manager@townofkremmling.org>

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Hi Jen,

I wanted to provide an updated summary of mosquito control activities, product usage, collaboration efforts, and plans moving forward as we continue preparing for peak mosquito season in the Kremmling area.

### Product Usage Summary

4/15  
McElroy Ranch – 55 lbs VectoBac G  
Kremmling North (Muddy Creek) – 20 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 75 lbs

4/16  
Kremmling North (Muddy Creek) – 15 lbs VectoBac G  
CRCR – 40 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 55 lbs

4/22  
McElroy Ranch – 120 lbs VectoBac G  
Kremmling North (Muddy Creek) – 10 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 130 lbs

4/23  
CRCR – 30 lbs VectoBac G  
CRCR – 15 lbs Altosid XR  
Daily Total: 45 lbs  
4/29

CRCR – 20 lbs VectoBac G  
McElroy Ranch – 160 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 180 lbs

4/30  
Kremmling North (Muddy Creek) – 25 lbs VectoBac G  
CRCR – 30 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 55 lbs

5/6  
McElroy Ranch – 110 lbs VectoBac G  
McElroy Ranch – 20 lbs Altosid XR  
CRCR – 15 lbs  
Muddy Creek – 10 lbs  
Daily Total: 155 lbs

5/7  
CRCR – 35 lbs  
Daily Total: 35 lbs

5/13  
Muddy Creek – 20 lbs VectoBac G  
CRCR – 15 lbs  
Daily Total: 35 lbs

5/14  
McElroy Ranch – 30 lbs  
Daily Total: 30 lbs

5/20  
McElroy Ranch – 190 lbs  
Daily Total: 190 lbs

5/21  
McElroy Ranch – 100 lbs  
Muddy Creek – 80 lbs  
Daily Total: 180 lbs

5/27  
CRCR – 240 lbs VectoBac G  
Muddy Creek – 40 lbs VectoBac G  
CRCR – 120 lbs VectoBac G  
Daily Total: 400 lbs

5/28  
CRCR – 150 lbs  
McElroy Ranch – 80 lbs  
Daily Total: 230 lbs

#### Total Product Applied

Through May 28, approximately 1,795 pounds of larvicide material have been applied across priority mosquito habitats within the Kremmling program area.

Treatment efforts have focused heavily on McElroy Ranch, the Muddy Creek corridor, and CRCR properties. These locations consistently produce some of the most significant mosquito breeding habitat in the district due to extensive wetland acreage, seasonal flooding, standing water, and favorable larval development conditions. Repeated inspections and treatments have allowed us to stay ahead of mosquito development and reduce larval populations before large adult emergence events occur.

A particularly valuable development this season has been our collaboration with Jim and the CRCR property. Through ongoing discussions regarding mosquito management west of town, Jim agreed to fund additional larvicide applications in portions of the CRCR property that fall outside of the Town's contracted treatment area. These back sections contain productive mosquito habitat that can contribute significantly to mosquito pressure within Kremmling. By treating these additional areas, we are able to reduce mosquito production before adults disperse toward town, providing an added

benefit to residents and visitors. This partnership has expanded overall treatment coverage and strengthened mosquito management efforts throughout the area west of Kremmling.

#### Plans Moving Forward

Our five-person VDCI crew will continue conducting surveillance, larval inspections, and larvicide applications throughout the summer. As water levels fluctuate and new breeding habitats develop, crews will remain proactive in identifying and treating productive mosquito habitats before adult populations increase. We will continue focusing on McElroy Ranch, Muddy Creek, CRCR, and other known mosquito-producing areas while expanding surveillance efforts as conditions change.

When requested by the Town, we are prepared to begin our adult mosquito control program. Once initiated, truck-mounted adult mosquito control applications will be conducted on a weekly basis as needed throughout the season to help maintain adult mosquito populations at acceptable levels.

In addition, VDCI is prepared to provide targeted backpack barrier treatments for community events, parks, gathering areas, and other locations as requested by the Town. We currently have four backpack barrier sprayers available, allowing crews to quickly respond to special events and areas where additional mosquito reduction is desired. These barrier applications will complement our larval control efforts and provide added protection during periods of elevated mosquito activity.

Overall, the program is entering the summer season in a strong position. Early-season larviciding has allowed us to address a substantial amount of productive habitat, our collaboration with CRCR has expanded treatment coverage beyond contracted areas, and we are prepared to provide both adult mosquito control and event-specific barrier treatments as conditions warrant throughout the remainder of the season.

Thanks,  
Dana Shaw  
Vector Disease Control International (VDCI)

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