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Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation FR/EIS



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Background

The Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) "Statewide Water Supply Initiative" estimates that by 2030 water demand in the South Platte River basin will be 409,700 acre-feet (AF) per year. An estimated 319,000 AF of this demand could be met if all identified projects are implemented, leaving a significant gap of just over 90,000 AF. The reallocation of storage at Chatfield would help fill a portion of the gap.

About the Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is considering reallocating a portion of the flood control pool at Chatfield Reservoir and is developing a Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement (FR/EIS) to address the potential costs and impacts of the project.

Project Participants and Stakeholders

The Corps is the lead agency for the project, and the CWCB is the State sponsor. Colorado State Parks; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; local water providers; other federal, state, and local agencies; other interest groups; and members of the public are involved in or have expressed interest in this project.

Proposed Alternatives

The Corps and CWCB are considering two Action alternatives that would raise the minimum multipurpose pool elevation above 5,432 feet msl, but also increase lake level fluctuations. The alternatives being evaluated in the FR/EIS are:

- Raise to 5,437 ft msl; provides up to 7,700 AF
- Raise to 5,444 ft msl; provides up to 20,600 AF
- No Action



FR/EIS

The FR/EIS is evaluating the potential impacts of the project and potential mitigation:

- Recreational facilities and activities at Chatfield State Park
- Natural Resources:
 - Threatened and Endangered Species (Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse)
 - Wetlands
 - Migratory bird habitat
 - Rare Plant Species
 - Fisheries
- Water Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Downstream Flood Damages

Public Participation

The Draft FR/EIS document will be available for public review and comment for 45-days in the Spring of 2008. Public meeting(s) will be held to discuss the report and to gather additional input from the public. Notifications will be made in local newspapers when the Draft FR/EIS is available and public meeting(s) are scheduled. A Final FR/EIS is planned for the Fall of 2008.

Contact Information

If you would like to be notified about the release of the FR/EIS or public meeting(s) please send your email or mailing address to Mr. Eric Laux, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Dll-cenwo-chatfield-study@usace.army.mil). For more information, visit:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/Flood/chatfield.htm>

