

North Steamboat Springs South Yampa/White/ Green Platte Colorado Denver Glenwood Springs **Chatfield Reservoir** Grand Junction Colorado Springs Gunnison Arkansas Montrose Pueblo Rio Dolores/ Grande San Juan/ Alamosa Durango

Plum Creek

Emergency Spillway

and the

South Platte

BACKGROUND

Chatfield Reservoir History:

 1965 Flood Disaster on Plum Creek/S. Platte River
 Severe Flood Damage and Fatalities in Metro Area
 Facility constructed by Corps for Flood Control
 Chatfield works in harmony with Bear Creek and Cherry Creek Reservoirs (known as Tri-Lakes Project)



"Tri-Lakes" Reservoirs

• Bear Creek 🕺 🖉

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Cherry Creek

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Denver, CO

Image U.S. Geological Survey

39°36'57.01" N 105°00'20.25" W

elev 5380 ft

Jul 31, 2007

Eye alt 22.40 mi

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Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation
Need for the proposed action:

Increasing demand for water supply

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Lack of ability to construct new on-line reservoirs

Chatfield is in a key location to help meet current and future M&I, agricultural, and other water needs in the South Platte Basin.

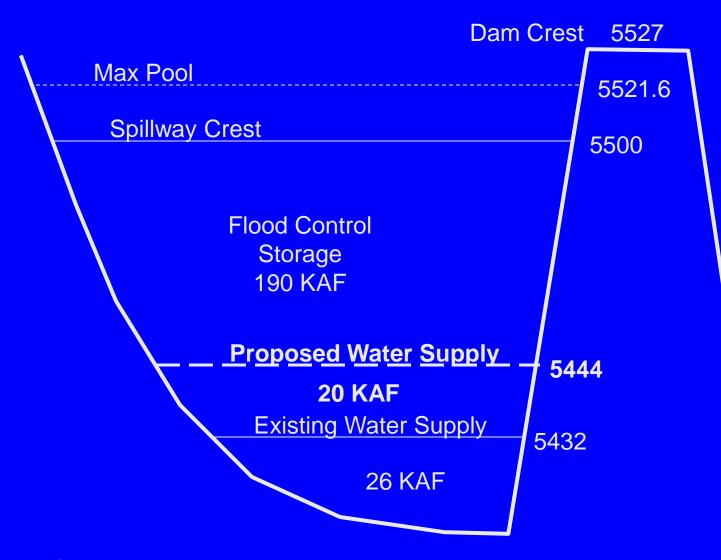
Q: What is a Reservoir Reallocation?

A: Converting <u>existing</u> storage space from one use (flood control) into another use (water supply)

Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation **Project Highlights:** Targeted reallocation volume is 20,600 AF 1 No physical modifications to dam or spillway 2 Potentially viable and affordable opportunity for water 2 supply storage along the Front Range **Recreation modification and environmental mitigation** 2 for proposed action are extremely important Strong partnership among diverse interests to work on ≝ a large-scale Feasibility Report and EIS!

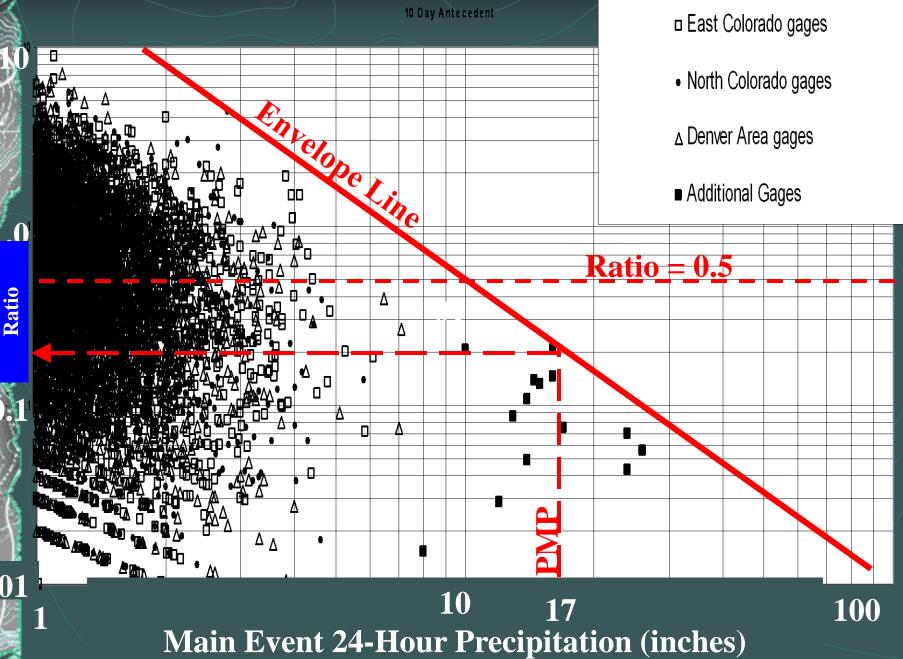
Technical Information

Chatfield Dam Proposed Storage Zones



Not to Scale

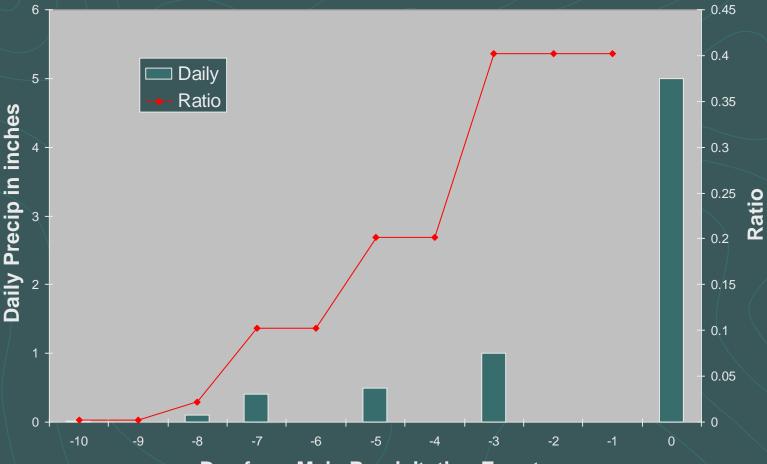
10-Day Antecedent Precipitation Ratios



Antecedent

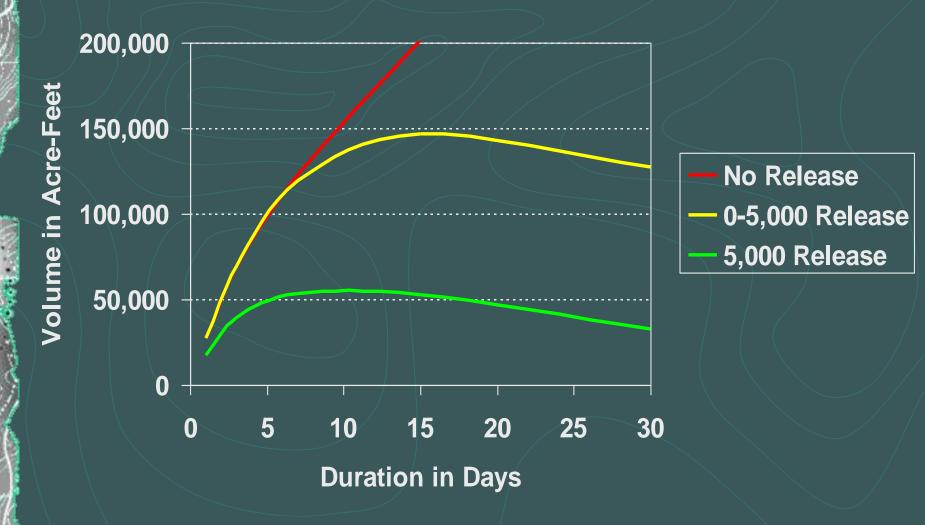
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10-Day Antecedent Precipitation



Day from Main Precipitation Event

Chatfield 500-Year Inflow Volume Duration



Operational Changes

Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation
Major Policy Issues

Can the Antecedent Flood Criteria be modified to
allow for reallocation to occur?

 Will the Corps allow for policy exceptions from its Land Use Development Criteria (State Park)



Major Policy Issues

Will the Federal Government waive its "cost of storage" criteria?

Will the feds allow state-local partnership to implement the project?

Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Participating Entities:

Upstream Water Users (11)

- South Metro Water Supply Authority
- Centennial Water and San. District
- Town of Castle Rock
- Roxborough Metro District
- Castle Pines Metro District
- Castle Pines North Metro District
- Perry Park Country Club
- Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
- Colorado State Parks
- Denver Botanical Garden
- Mt. Carbon Metro District

Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation **Participating Entities (cont): Downstream Water Users (4) Central Colorado Water Conservancy District** 1 **City of Aurora City of Brighton** Western Mutual Ditch Company **Instream Water Users (5) City and County of Denver City of Littleton @** Ø Denver Water **Metro Wastewater Reclamation District**

The Greenway Foundation

Participating Entities (cont):

Project Advisors/Cooperators:

- DOW and USFWS
- The Nature Conservancy
- Audubon Society of Greater Denver
- Sierra Club, South Platte Group
- South Suburban P&RD / South Platte Park
- Colorado Environmental Coalition
- Trout Unlimited
- Western Resource Advocates
- Urban Drainage & Flood Control District

Questions?

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