

Key Points to a Colorado/Wyoming Coalition

- Evaluate feasibility of a water supply project from Flaming Gorge Reservoir
 - Evaluate how to secure a portion of the remaining Colorado and Wyoming water under the Colorado River Compact
 - Meet purpose and need since all participants are public water supply entities
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Project Participants Interested Parties

■ Wyoming Participants/Interested Parties

- Cheyenne
- Torrington
- Rawlins
- Laramie County

■ Colorado Participants

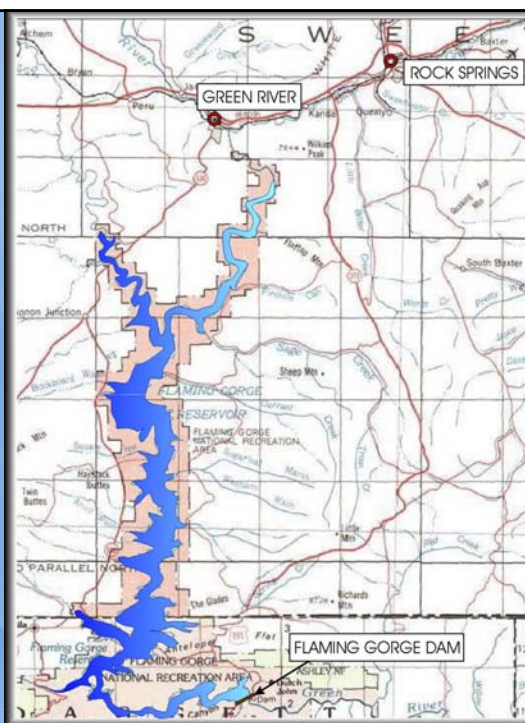
- Parker Water and Sanitation District
- South Metro Water Supply Authority
- Town of Castle Rock
- Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority
- Douglas County

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Flaming Gorge Reservoir

- Capacity
3,788,900 ac-ft
- Surface area
65.6 square miles
- Average annual inflow
1,394,800 ac-ft
- Maximum normal pool
6040 ft MSL
- Minimum power pool
5908 ft MSL

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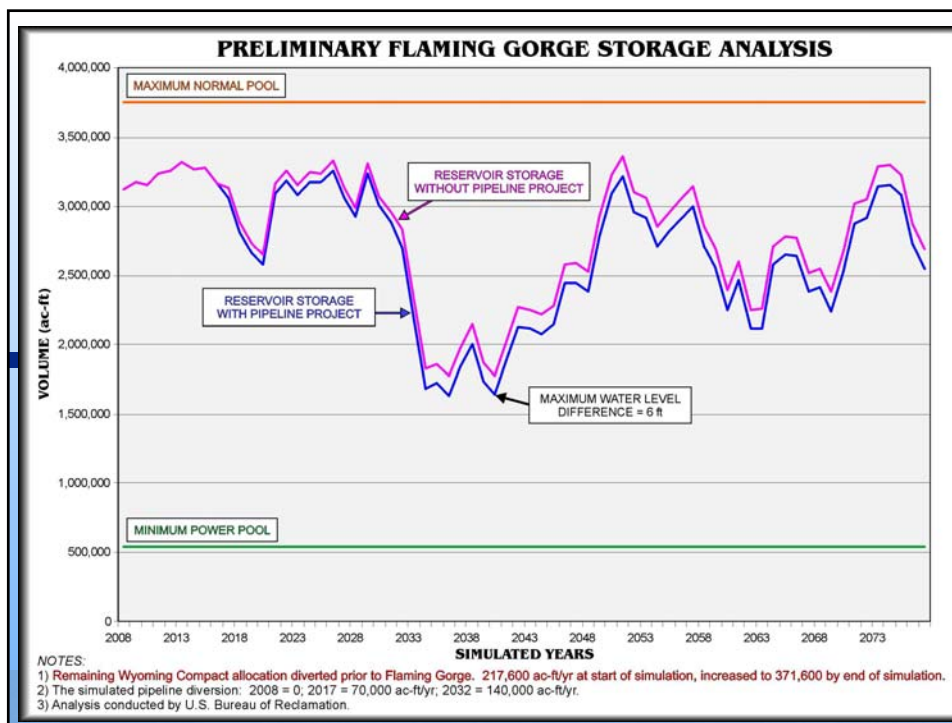


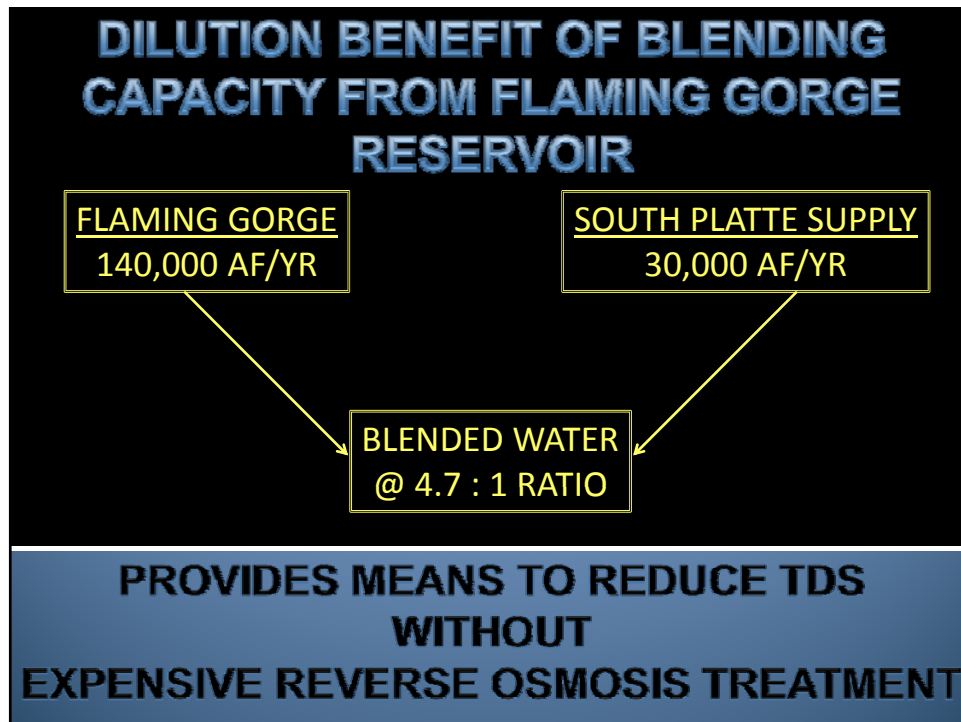
Feasibility Investigation

■ Protect Current Uses/Purposes

- Endangered species protection and Wyoming Compact entitlement considered before any new uses
- Store water for beneficial uses
- Enable CO/WY Compact entitlements
- Municipal and Industrial
- Irrigation
- Recreation
- Power

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Feasibility Investigation (cont'd)

- Protect Wyoming's and Colorado's Compact Entitlements
 - Wyoming = 1,050,000 ac-ft (200,000-400,000 undeveloped)
 - Colorado = 3,881,250 ac-ft (450,000-1,438,000 undeveloped)
- Portions of Colorado and Wyoming undeveloped entitlements potentially will be developed by the Flaming Gorge project.
- Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 (CRSPA)
Flaming Gorge Reservoir should allow the Upper Basin states to utilize their apportionments consistent with the Colorado River Compact

Flaming Gorge Enabling Legislation

The Colorado River Storage Projects Act of 1956 says:

“In order to initiate the comprehensive development of the water resources of the Upper Colorado River Basin, for the purposes, among others, of regulating the flow of the Colorado River, ***storing water for beneficial consumptive use, making it possible for the States of the Upper Basin to utilize, consistently with the provisions of the Colorado River Compact, the apportionments made to and among them in the Colorado River Compact and the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact***”

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Feasibility Investigation (cont'd)

- ▣ Assess Wyoming needs vs. Wyoming entitlement and Colorado needs vs. Colorado entitlement
- ▣ Discuss/evaluate Western Wyoming needs for Compact water with Western Wyoming representatives
- ▣ Estimate water availability after existing uses/purposes protected
- ▣ Evaluate water quality impacts (TDS and temperature)
- ▣ Evaluate economic viability based on results
- ▣ Assess whether a Flaming Gorge Reservoir water supply project is viable

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Public Water Providers

- ▣ No speculation
- ▣ No profit
- ▣ No additional fees beyond capital and operations and maintenance costs
- ▣ Participants all public entities putting water to beneficial use
- ▣ Federal Financial Participation Primary Goal

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Need for a Coalition

- ▣ Multi State cooperation on a large water project
- ▣ Significant benefits to Eastern and Western Wyoming and Front Range Colorado
- ▣ Economy of scale
- ▣ Consider utilization of a small percentage of the remaining Compact entitlements
- ▣ Ability to obtain Federal financing

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CWCB COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL FLAMING GORGE PROJECT

- ▣ “Colorado and Wyoming should work together to develop their respective Colorado River compact allocation”
- ▣ “Concept should be developed in the public forum not for profit or speculation”
- ▣ “It could be a federal/state partnership project utilizing CRSP[Colorado River Storage Project] Fund”

Source: CWCB draft report “Strategies for Colorado’s Water Supply Future”, June 2009.

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Conclusion

- ▣ Cooperation Necessary For Study Development
- ▣ Defining Compact Entitlements Critical For Both States Water Future
- ▣ Wise Use of Existing And Future Infrastructure
- ▣ Federal Participation Crucial

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