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Public comment period extended for Draft Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Documents

Omaha, Neb. – The public comment period for the draft Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Feasibility Report (FR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been extended to Sep. 6, 2012.

The draft documents can be viewed online at: www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/pd-p/Plan_Formulation/GI/GI_Chartfield.html and in hardcopy at libraries in Highlands Ranch, Denver, Littleton, Greeley, and Aurora, Colo.

Written comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District; CENWO-PM-AA; ATTN: Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation FR/EIS; 1616 Capitol Avenue; Omaha, NE 68102-4901. Comments can also be emailed to: chatfieldstudy@usace.army.mil. Comments must be postmarked or received no later than Sep. 6, 2012.

BACKGROUND: Population growth within the Denver, Colo., metropolitan area continues to create a demand on water providers. The Statewide Water Supply Initiative estimates that by 2050, Colorado will need between 600,000 and 1 million acre-feet/year of additional municipal and industrial water. The purpose and need of the Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Study is to increase availability of water in the greater Denver area so that a larger proportion of existing and future (increasing) water needs can be met.

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