DENVER WATER’S WATERSHED PARTNERSHIPS

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Denver Water facts

• Established in 1918
• Governed by Board of Water Commissioners (not the City and County of Denver)
• Serve 1.4 million people (25% of state’s population) using less than 2% of water used in the state.
• Total watershed area: 4,000 square miles (State’s third largest public landowner)
DW Collection System
Roberts Tunnel Watershed: Journey through the WR Natl Forest
White River Before
White River After
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White River After
Feller Buncher Chipper Ops
South Platte Watershed

- Roberts Tunnel outlets at Grant in the North Fork South Platte
Buffalo Creek Sedimentation
Strontia Springs after Buffalo Creek
BMP: Sediment Ponds at Cheesman
Restored Ponderosa/Mixed Conifer
Too many challenges: collaborate!

Forest Health Initiatives
• Watershed Wildfire Protection Group
• Front Range Roundtable
• Upper South Platte Partnership
• From Forests to Faucets
• DW’s Forester: CSFS

Watershed Orgs
• South Platte Urban Headwaters Partnership
• Coalition for Upper South Platte
• South Platte Enhancement Board
• Chatfield Watershed Authority
Source Water Protection Planning

DENVER WATER
SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN
FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE RIVER
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Thank you! Questions?

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