

*We need your help . . .* The Bureau of Reclamation released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Windy Gap Firming Project. If approved, the Project will increase water imports from the Colorado River for storage in a large new reservoir near Carter Lake. The Project would supply water to northern Front Range cities. **The time for providing public input is right now.**

*What's at stake. . .* Decades of diversions by similar projects have taken their toll on the upper Colorado River. Existing water diversions have resulted in algae blooms, higher water temperatures, and lower stream flows. Additional diversions will increase these impacts, reduce tourism, and decrease quality of life.

*How can you help? . . .* Front Range cities have options to meet water demands. This project could be a workable alternative to more damaging development plans *if* it's done "smart", that is if the proponent cities show they **maximize efficient use of water** and agree to **keep Colorado's streams healthy**. Unfortunately, as currently proposed, the Windy Gap Firming Project falls short.

**Colorado can do better, and it's not too late to make sure this project is done right! Please join us in asking the Bureau of Reclamation to protect our streams and ensure conservation and efficient use of the water on the Front Range!**

#### **Public meetings:**

##### October 7th— Loveland

McKee Conference Center  
2000 Boise Ave,  
Loveland 80538

Informational session 5PM  
Open House starts at 6PM  
Public Hearing starts at 7PM

##### October 9th—Granby

The Inn at Silver Creek  
62927 US Hwy 40  
Granby, CO 80446

Open House starts at 5PM  
Public Hearing starts at 6PM

**If you would like additional information on this project, or how you can get involved please visit:**

[www.ourcolorado.org](http://www.ourcolorado.org)

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On October 7th We'll be hosting an informational session, join us in the Boettcher room of the McKee Conference center starting at 5:00PM  
Refreshments provided.

