



ENVIRONMENTAL WATER: SOLUTION TO SCARCITY

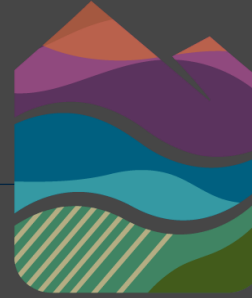


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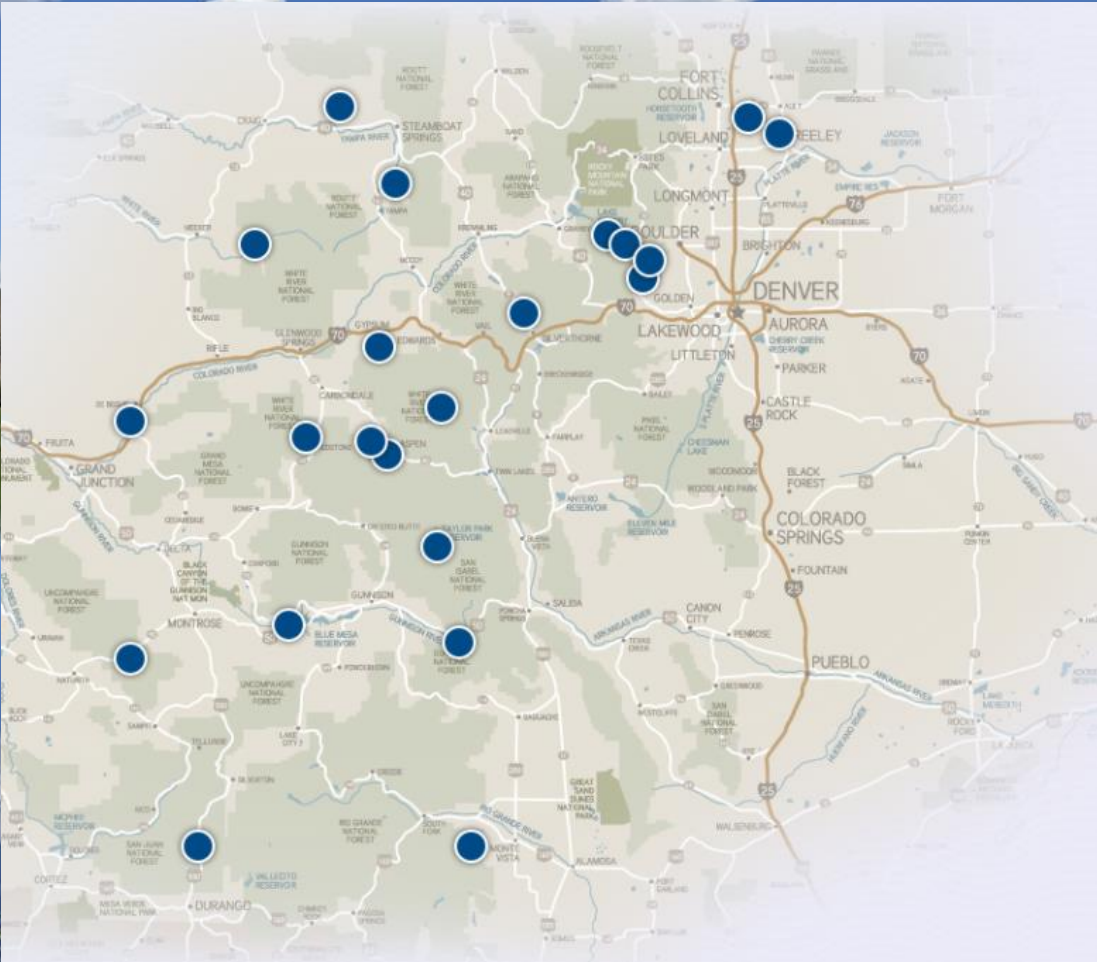
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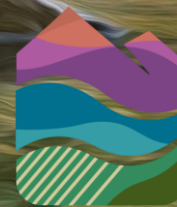


26 projects, acquiring
water rights to
add over **80,000 acre-feet**
of water to
814 miles of natural
stream in Colorado



WHO WE ARE...

- 💧 Nonprofit organization, team of 9, \$2.5 million core budget, and we work statewide to restore water to **COLORADO'S** rivers
- 💧 Formed in **2001** to partner with Colorado's Instream Flow Program and amplify its work
- 💧 Work with water users to put together **VOLUNTARY TRANSACTIONS** to benefit the environment
- 💧 Transactions are **TAILORED** for each water right and each water system
- 💧 Work within the prior appropriation system and compensate water rights owners at **FAIR MARKET VALUE**



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Our vision is
that every
Colorado river
and stream
has water that
supports our
ecosystems,
communities,
and local
economies.

15-Mile Reach: 5000 AF/year to the Grand Valley



In exchange, CWT providing over \$800,000 to upgrade hydropower infrastructure

Project supports endangered fish species, agricultural water diversions, and local recreation

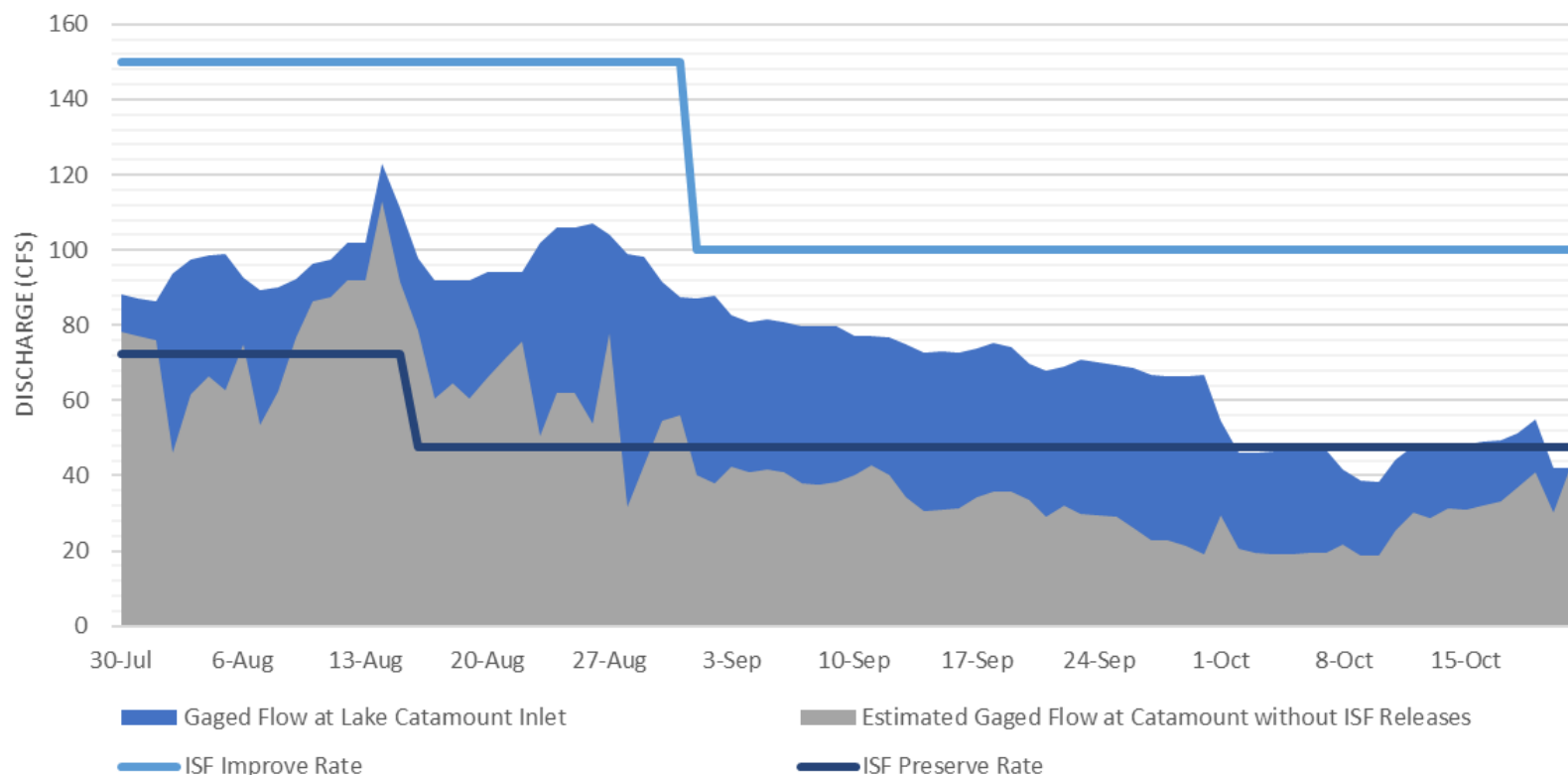




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2024 YAMPA RIVER RESERVOIR RELEASES

Yampa River Temporary ISF Lease Releases



- 5,100 acre-feet released from July 30 – Oct. 20 (83 days)
- Release rates ranging from 10 cfs to 67.6 cfs
- 6 miles of ISF stream reach benefitted, 22+ miles of streamflow benefits
- 2025 operations keep downstream call off the Yampa River





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WATER SHARING WITH AGRICULTURE

- Compensated leases in the Colorado, Yampa, and Gunnison Basins
- Permanent water sharing via joint ownership on the Little Cimarron River and Boulder Creek
- Proving that environmental water transactions, like CWSAs or ATMs can permanently protect local economies and water for agricultural production





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THANK YOU! ...Questions?