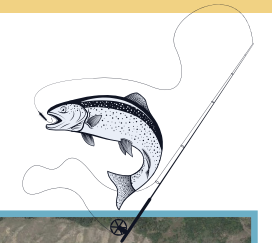


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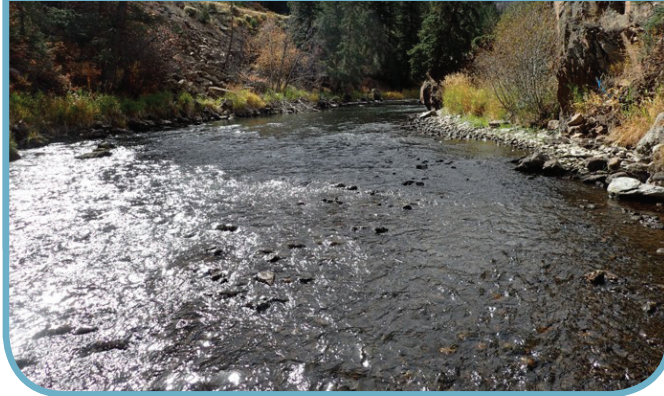
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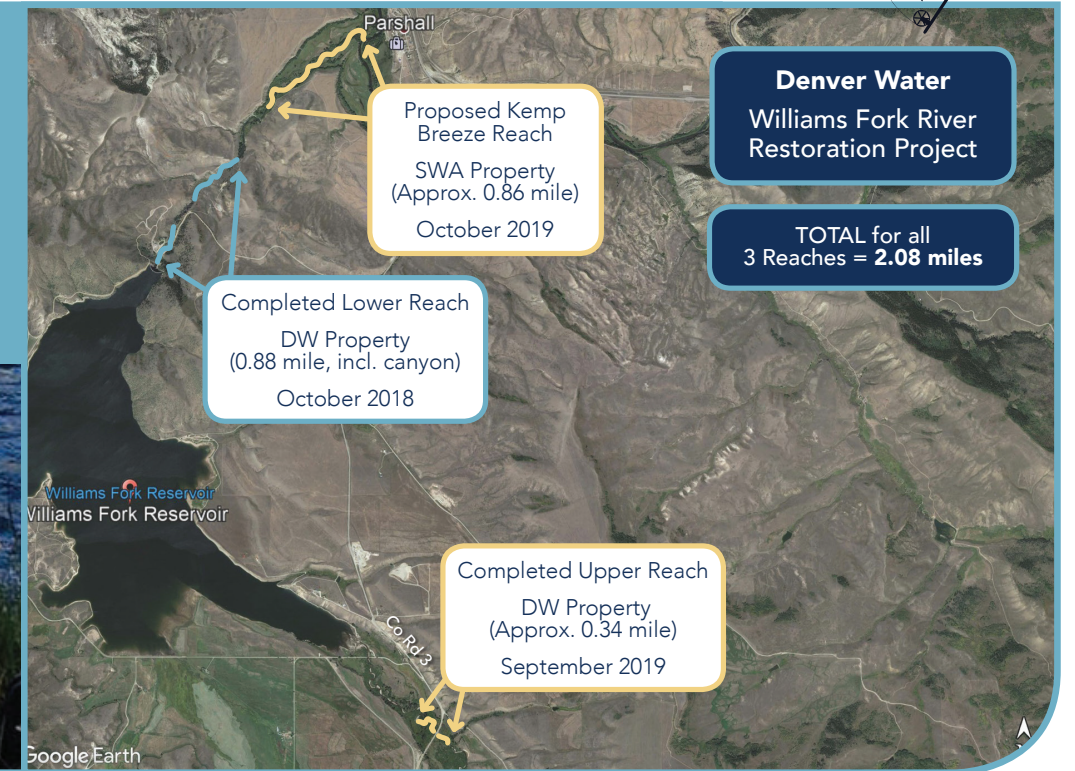
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When will this restoration work be occurring?

The 0.86 mile reach of the Williams Fork River within the Kemp Breeze State Wildlife Area will take place between October 1 and November 15, 2019.

How will the fish in the Williams Fork River be impacted?

Denver Water has identified segments of the Williams Fork River, above and below the reservoir, to perform river restoration work. The restoration activities will result in improved low flow conditions, instream diversity, channel stability and streamside vegetation. Movement of the excavator in the river is expected to cause increased turbidity, which decreases water clarity and affects trout feeding efficiency.

Best management practices will be implemented immediately downstream of the project site to capture large sediment loads and minimize turbidity. Restoration activities are temporary and will occur mainly during weekday daytime hours. Restoration of the instream habitat is expected to promote a healthy fishery, offering valuable benefits to the aquatic environment and water quality in the long term.



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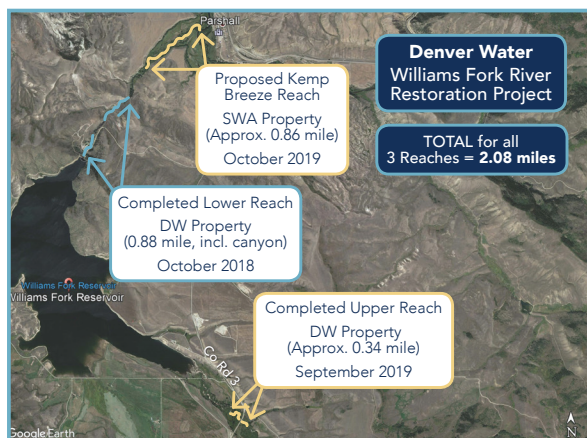
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Frequently Asked Questions

- Where is the work taking place?
 - The project includes restoration activities on a total of 2.08 river miles occurring both above and below the Williams Fork Reservoir. Work on the 0.86 mile reach of the Williams Fork River within the Kemp Breeze State Wildlife Area will take place in October 2019.
- Why are you performing this work?
 - The current state of the river would benefit from improved low flow conditions, instream habitat diversity, channel stability, and streamside vegetation. This restoration project is designed to provide valuable improvements to the aquatic habitat and fisheries in the long term.
- Why is there increased turbidity in the Williams Fork River and Colorado River?
 - During construction, periods of increased turbidity downstream of the restoration project are anticipated due to work occurring within the stream channel. To help reduce this, the contractor has implemented temporary best management practices to help reduce turbidity downstream of the project site.
- What is the timing of the river restoration project?
 - The Kemp Breeze State Wildlife Area portion of the project will be completed between October 1 and November 15, 2019.



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