

GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT



Gross Reservoir Expansion Project Update

THE LONG ROAD TO GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION GROWING SHORTER!

More than a decade ago, Denver Water began the process to increase water supply reliability for its customers with the Notice of Intent to Prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Since then we've negotiated the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, secured approved Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement plans, a mitigation and enhancement coordination plan and a Biological Opinion from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In the last four years, the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project has achieved such milestones as the Preliminary Final EIS, Final EIS and several other permit decisions. Now, the critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit decision is expected before the end of 2015.



COMMUNITY RESPONSIVENESS

Transportation

Denver Water has listened and responded to community concerns about potential traffic and safety impacts of the reservoir expansion. During the past four years a number of transportation improvements have resulted from that input, with a focus on creating a safer intersection at Highway 72 and Gross Dam Road. These improvements are permanent and will remain in place long after construction is complete. Accommodations include:

- Reducing truck traffic on Hwy 72 and Gross Dam Road by 75 percent by quarrying sand and gravel at the reservoir site.
- Developing traffic plans to improve the safety at the intersection to handle the expected truck traffic.
- Evaluating opportunities for alternative hauling schedules during dam construction.



This project requires 1.5 million tons of sand and gravel to complete. Establishing an on-site quarry to produce sand and concrete will reduce the total number of trucks needed for this project to about 35 trucks per construction day during concrete placement.

Construction

In response to community input, we conducted studies on activities that will affect local residents in and around Coal Creek Canyon during construction. Close attention was paid to the idea of an on-site quarry and what those impacts of truck traffic would be to residents around Gross Reservoir.

While some work, such as actual concrete dam construction, will require 24-hour construction, we will continue to seek community input on topics such as traffic control plans, hauling traffic schedules, viewshed reclamation, tree removal

plans, and other construction-related activities. Denver Water remains committed to working closely with residents to ensure safety and open communication throughout construction.

Recreation

Although final project design continues, we anticipate that recreation along the reservoir's north shore will continue throughout construction. For public safety considerations, recreation in other areas - particularly near the dam and in the vicinity of the quarry - will be curtailed during construction.

Process Milestones	Completed
Publish Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS	2003
Public Scoping	2003
Publish Notice of Availability of Draft EIS	2009
Draft EIS Comments Due	2010
Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan	2011
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion	2014
Publish Notice of Availability of Final EIS	2014
USACE Permit Decision	Est. Release End of 2015



Recreational opportunities will remain available on the north shore during construction. Other areas will be closed to ensure public safety, but will reopen on project completion.



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