Town Of New Castle Presentation Friends of Canyon Creek Water Wellness Committee March 19, 2024



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Our Mission

"Without coordination and communication, best intentions can enact and result in irreversible consequences."

Through Education, Information and Advocacy, We commit to Protect and Ensure the Viability and Wellness of the Canyon Creek Watershed and its Natural Environment from Headwaters to Confluence.

The Importance of Place and Time



Historic Importance of 175 years

1850- Original Ute/Nuche Territory

1868- Treaty

1873-Treaty-First Prospectors

1879-Meeker- 40,000 into Leadville Western Slope

1880s- Fort Defiance and Carbonate - First Water Rights Filed in 1883

1883- GWS Becomes County Seat

Most Access was from Carbonate and the Flat Tops - First Water Tunnels to Bear Wallow from Canyon Creek

1922-Colorado Compact

1923- Chepita at Hotel Colorado

1940s- Rockin Pines

1950s - Bear Wallow

Continual Ditches and Diversions

History of Canon Creek by Way of Carbonate Trail By Lena M. Urquhart 1959

First Hand Account of the early settlers- Included in your packet. 1879 was the earliest recorded dissension into (Black) Canon Creek from Dotsero and Carbonate. (1883-2024 =141 years)



Development and Expansion of Water Flow in 140 years

<u>Colorado Division of Water</u> <u>Resources</u> Interactive Map

New Castle Location

<u>"Current Impact on Water</u> <u>Resources"</u>

Hydrology

Structures

Wells

CoGCC

Water Scarcity and Co. Compact

Climate Change





Focus: Canyon Creek

Enlargeable Decreed Water CFS Map for CC River District Map in PDF

(Natural Flow) is variable and has not been recorded.

Historic Gauges: None have been Consistent.

Total Decreed Water CFS From Canyon Creek At Minimum with Additional Invisible and Additional Water Table South Side Draws,

145.5914 cfs

APPROXIMATE Decreed CFS Water Use on Canyon Creek

From South to North - water decrees on Canyon Creek

South of Colorado River	CFS			
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North of Colorado River East to West				
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North on Canyon Creek - creek bed				
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Goodsell well

Temple well

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North on Canyon Creek - creek bed continued

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Johnson ditch

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Cabin well	.033
Cattail spring	.022
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Rock-n-Pines #2 ditch	2.055
Ranch house well	.055
Creek Cabin well	.055
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Rock-n-Pines #1 ditch	4

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North of Colorado River a	and west of Canyon Creek
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Senoir well	.055
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Bowles well	.033
Den well	.286
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Tibbetts house well	.055
Tibbetts stock well	.055
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Dall's ditch	1.7
Dall's ditch	1.3
Bearwallow Creek spring	.022

What Provides Accurate Accounting? Resources Are Inconsistent- USGS and CDSS/DWR



Note Discrepancies -



If SUpport Maps Are Incorrect, Decreed V Actual, How Do People Make Decisions?

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Figure 2-1: Nutrient Farm Water Rights Location Map

Private, Public Partnerships?

Friends of Canyon Creek Request to LOVA - April 2023

Presentation to LOVA

Board Of Directors

May 8, 2023

Thank you for your time.



Future Efforts Should Be Slowed and Evaluated Clearly.

Development to Watch.

New Castle - Lakota and 300 proposed additional residential use PUD. Properties connected to the Mings Chenoweth and Wolverton Ditch Properties connected to the Spion Kapp Ditch



Birds Eye - Water Usage- Historic / Compact Comparison



10,000 Foot / Eagle View?

Colorado Compact- 1922 - 2026

Federal and International Interests

Multi-State

Regional

State

County

Municipalities

Private /Public and...

10 Tribe "The Ten Tribes Partnership is a coalition of Upper and Lower Basin Tribes that have come together to claim their seat at the table and raise their voices in the management of the Colorado River as water challenges persist." UTE /Nuche Included

Efforts Underway Including Mindful Planning and Partnerships

Wildlife and Riparian

Fish Passage

AVLT

IN-Stream Flow

GarCO Land Use Fire Mitigation

Existing Senior Water Rights to the Confluence

It's The Right Thing To Do.

Meetings and Presentations

Friends of Canyon Creek Wellness - Land Owners

Colorado Water Resources- Commissioners

Johnson Wolverton Dltch Company

AVLT

LOVA

Garfield County - Submission Provided for NF PUD

Attorney/Client

Final Words- It's Easy to Forget During Times of Abundance, How Things Are When We are at Risk.



High Water 2017



Algae Bloom- Low Water Summer 2018

Thank you for serving with Wisdom and Deliberate Intention as you look to the future. Our Children will depend on it. Q&A

