



CREEK WEEK 2025 PRESENTATION FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS



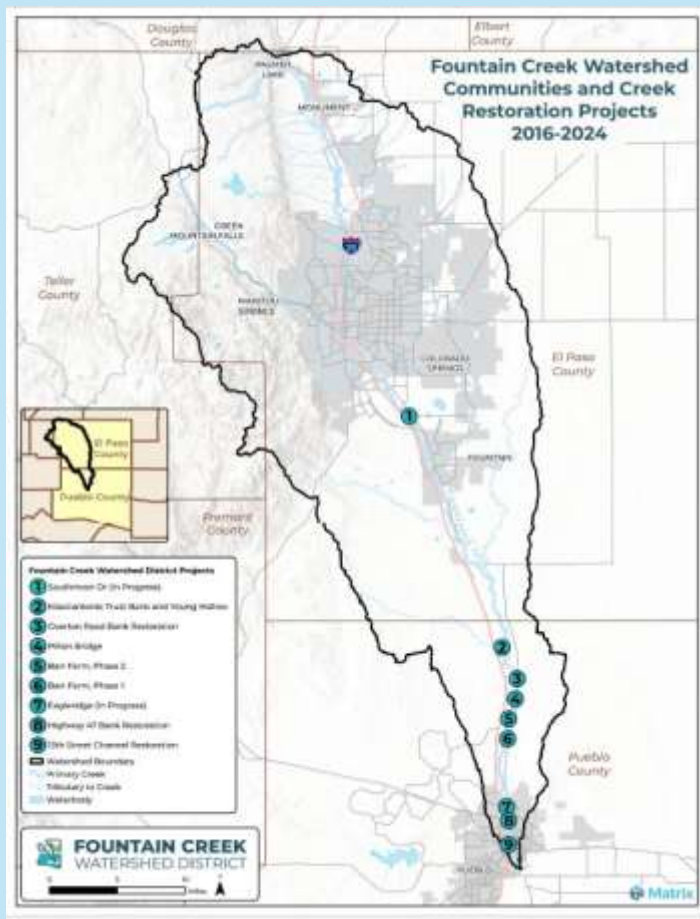
FCWD Mission

To serve as stewards of the Fountain Creek Watershed, working collaboratively to protect, restore, and sustain its health. Through innovative watershed management, inclusive engagement, and partnership-driven solutions, we strive to inspire a shared commitment to the long-term resilience and vitality of our watershed and its diverse communities.

Protect and enhance the health of the Fountain Creek Watershed



DISTRICT EFFORTS – HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY!



- Established by State Legislature in 2009
- 23 plans and studies
- 22 restoration projects
- Robust suite of outreach/education programs
- Projects funded by C.S. Utilities
(\$50M 1041 permit for SDS)
- Supported by 9 member governments
- No sustainable funding

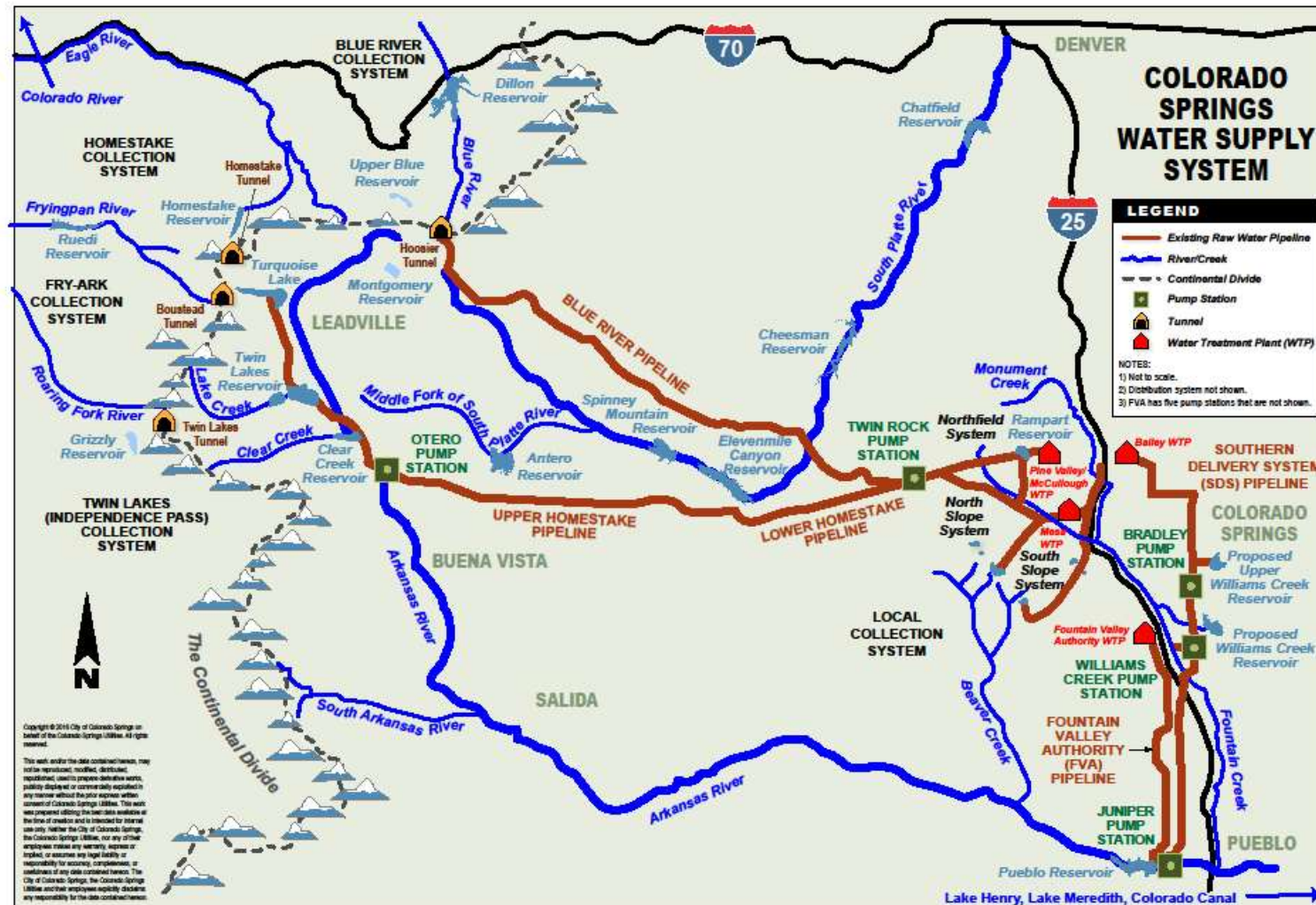


Snapshot of the Fountain Creek Watershed

- 927 square miles of land and water
- Two counties, eight municipalities
- Elevation change from 14,115' to 4,695' over 71 miles
- Extremes in slopes, soil types, temperature, precipitation, ecosystems and multitudes of water uses
- Second most studied watershed in the US
- One of the most erratic in the country



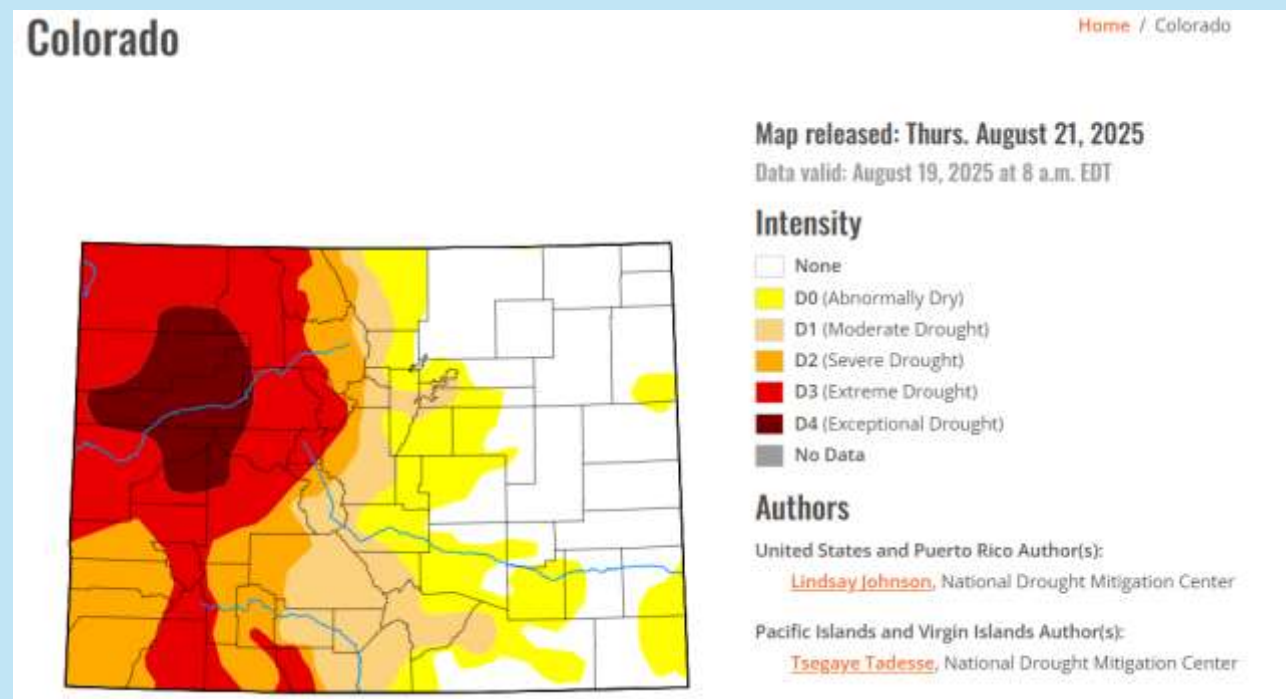






- Population growth
- Drought
- Post-fire conditions
- Wildfires
- Urban canopy
- Sedimentation/erosion
- Stormwater pollution
- Increased impervious surfaces
- Habitat fragmentation
- Water quantity
- Invasive species
- Increasing frequency/severity of storms

Watershed Risks





Fountain Creek... Predictably Unpredictable





District Management

- **Board of Directors – all Jurisdictions Represented**
Member governments contribute General Fund \$ based on population size
 - Terry Hart, Chair
 - Jessica Mills, Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District, Vice Chair
 - Tamara Estes, City of Fountain, Secretary
 - Miles Lucero, Pueblo County
 - Nancy Henjum, City of Colorado Springs
 - Bill Wysong, El Paso County
 - Mark Aliff, City of Pueblo
 - TBD, Small Municipalities (Monument, Palmer Lake, Green Mountain Falls, and Manitou Springs)
 - Dr. Barr, Pueblo County Landowner
- **Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee**
- **Technical Advisory Committee**
- **Citizen Advisory Group**



OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- **Creek Week: 11 years, 24K+ participants, 175+ tons removed**
- **Great American Cleanup**
- **FC Brewshed Alliance: Liquid Lectures, Special Brews**
- **Children's Water Festival**
- **Scoop the Poop Events**
- **Fishing Derbys**
- **Native Plant Promotion**
- **Wild and Scenic Film Festival**
- **Pollinator Parties**
- **Rain Barrel Sale**
- **Presentations**





Creek Week 2025

Over 50 public events to choose from

Pick a Date, Pick a Location, and Pick it Up!





Thank You,

**Alli Schuch, Executive Director
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FCWD Staff**