

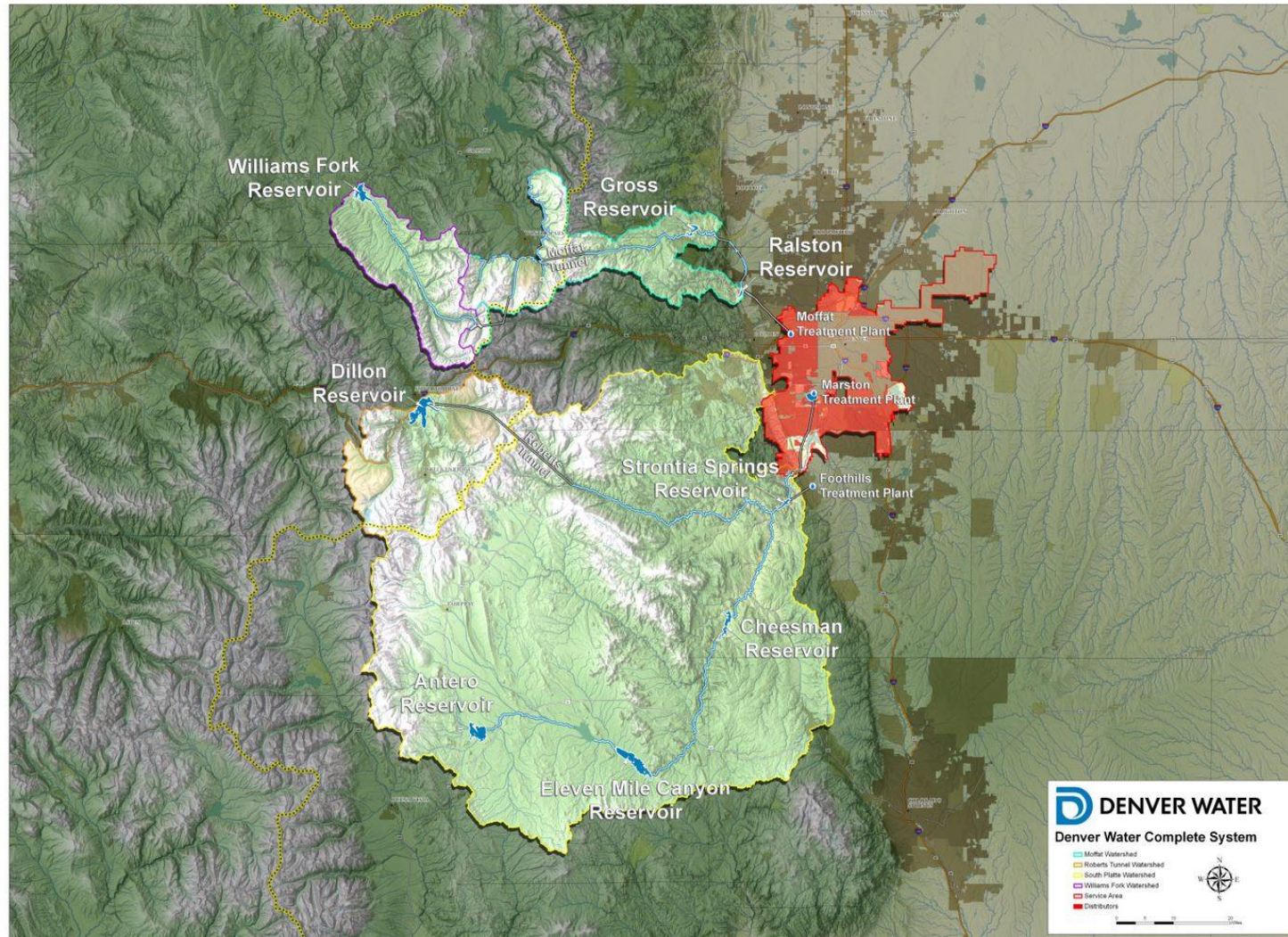


Colorado Forest Health Council and Roundtable Engagement

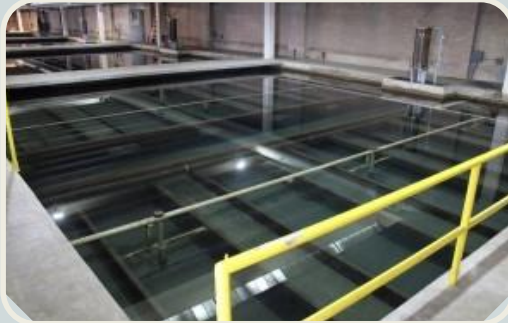
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 DENVER WATER

Forested watersheds: where Denver's water supply originates healthy forests = healthy watersheds



Long-term strategy: watershed health investments



Drinking Water Treatability

*Provide high quality
water at an affordable
rate*

Infrastructure Protection

*Protect collection
system, watershed
assets, and access to
assets*

Community & Environmental Stewardship

*Foster partnerships to
sustain healthy and
resilient watersheds*

Colorado Forest Health Council

Mission: to reduce wildfire risk, restore ecological resilience, safeguard communities and water supplies, mitigate and adapt to climate change, support local economies, and protect recreation areas.

<https://dnr.colorado.gov/divisions/forestry/colorado-forest-health-council>

Reps of interest:

Recreation – Samantha Albert, Deputy Director, Outdoor Recreation Industry Office

Wildlife – Pat Dorsey, Director of Conservation Operations, National Wild Turkey Federation

Water – Christina Burri, Denver Water and Amy Moyer, CO River District

Colorado Forest Health Council – Subcommittees

Two Subcommittees established:

1. Leveraging Resources

- Leveraging funding and existing collaborative efforts

2. Legislative and Advocacy

- Engagement with Wildfire Matters Review Committee

Colorado Forest Health Council – Engagement Opportunities

CO Forest Health Council – meetings every other month

- Unique opportunity with revamp of the Forest Health Council to advise Director Gibbs
 - What is needed- updates, project ideas, advocacy?
- Could provide an update about the Roundtables to the Council?
- Requesting update about CO Water Plan and Roundtables from Director Gibbs to keep water at top of mind for the Council?
- Engage with the Leveraging Resources Subcommittee?
- Updates on the Forest Health Council at E&R committee meetings or Roundtable meetings?
- USFS and CSFS engagement/participation
- Roundtable project list and funding opportunities – updates for the Forest Health Council

Federal Engagement Opportunities

Biden Administration's Wildfire Mitigation and Management Commission

- Colorado Reps:
 - Director Dan Gibbs, DNR
 - Director Mike Morgan, Div. of Fire Prevention and Control
 - Madelene McDonald, Denver Water (Only Primary Seat for CO)
 - Jim Hubbard, Retired Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment
 - Scott Miller, Wilderness Society
- Why this is important: Water is at the forefront for this Administration and funding decisions
- Commission tasked with funding recommendations for Congress (billions through Infra Bill)
- Interagency involvement with USDA, DOI, and FEMA