

# Southern Delivery System: Our Future Depends On It

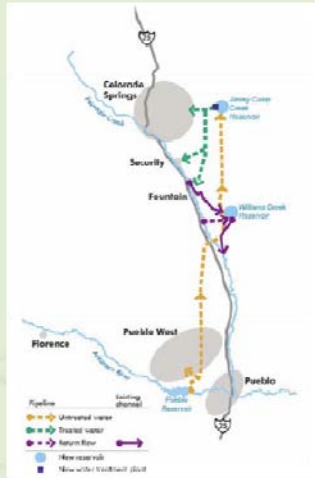
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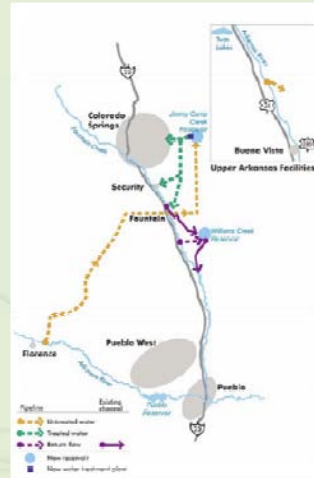
- Our Future depends on it
  - Growing Community
  - Drought Protection
  - System Reliability



Alternative 2: Proposed Action



Alternative 7: Highway 115

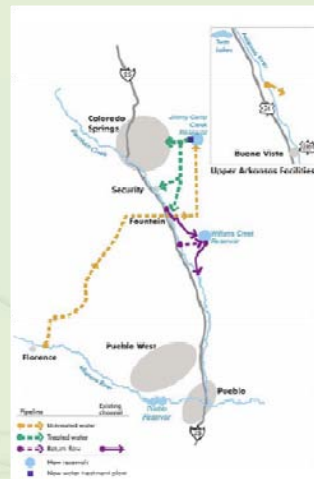


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Four commitments

- Fremont County won't have to help pay for SDS
- We'll restore any land we disturb
- Landowners will be fairly compensated
- We won't harm your water

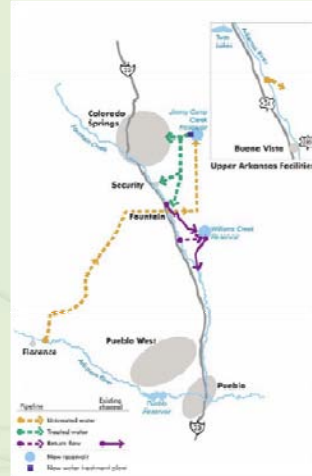
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- Fremont County Intergovernmental agreement
  - Well-defined permitting process
  - Reimburse County
  - \$50,000 deposit
  - Covers cost of:
    - Public hearings
    - Legal fees
    - Engineering consultants
    - Any other activities related to SDS permits

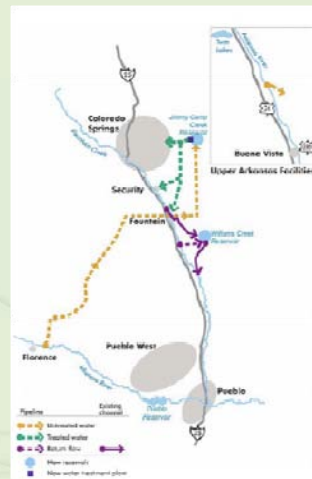
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- Mitigate impacts
- Restore land we disturb to preconstruction conditions

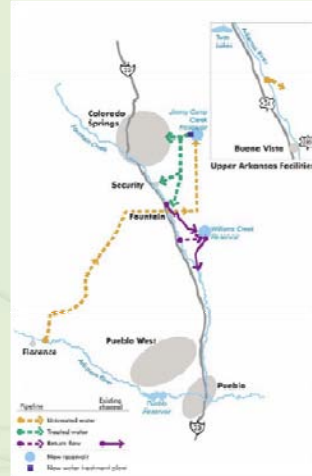
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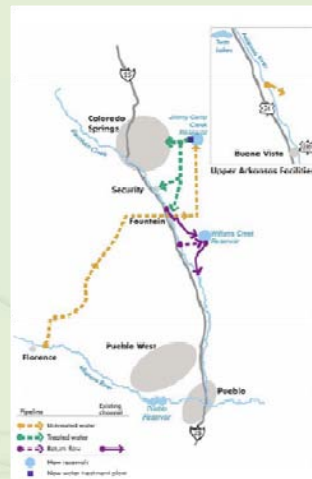
- Have met with many landowners
- Evaluating alignment, tested soil and geological conditions
- Will keep owners informed
- Landowners fairly compensated



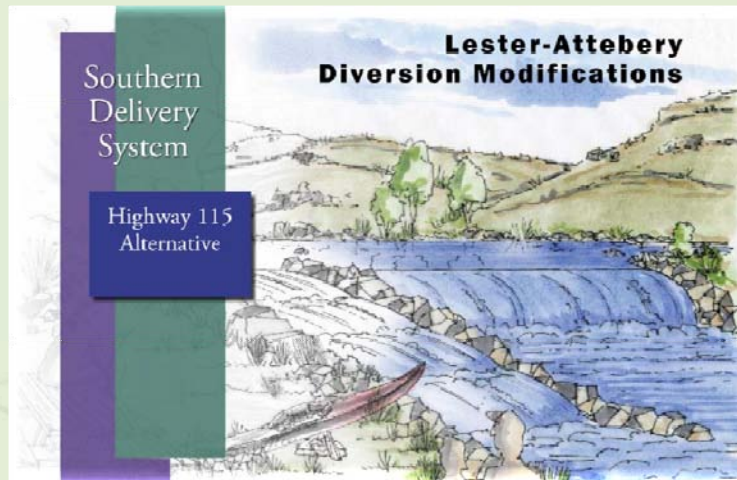
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- Take water downstream from Fremont County communities
  - Won't affect quality of water
  - Won't increase treatment costs
- Upper Arkansas Voluntary Flow Management Program continues
- No return flow to Arkansas River above Pueblo Reservoir



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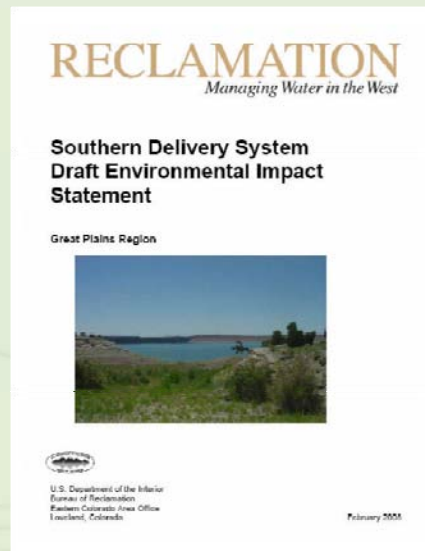


**Three Priorities:**

- Complete NEPA Process
- Obtain Permits
- Complete Necessary Land-Acquisition Activities



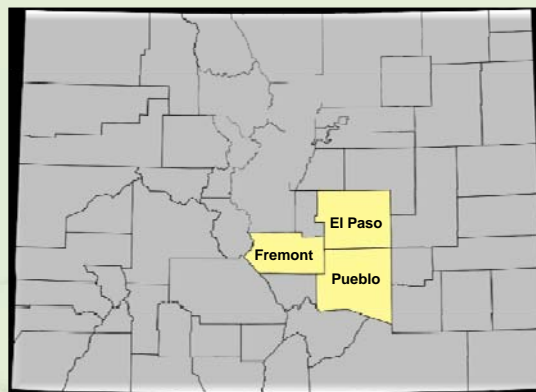
- Public comment period
  - Closed June 13
  - Details: [www.sdseis.com](http://www.sdseis.com)
- Final EIS: Late 2008
- Record of Decision: Early 2009



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### County Permits

- Actively working on applications
  - Pueblo County 1041
  - Fremont County Special Review Use
  - El Paso County Special Use



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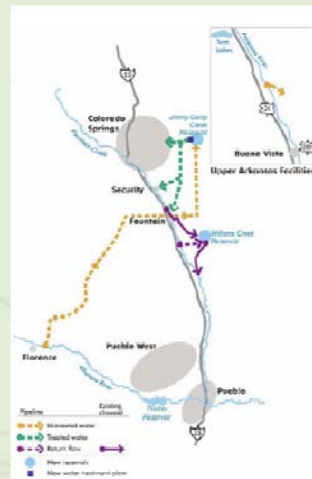
**404 Permit**

- Required by Clean Water Act
- Separate environmental assessment
- Public comment period



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- We need SDS: Future depends on it
- Recognize you shouldn't pay for it
- Will work collaboratively with you
- Will look for economic and other opportunities to partner with you



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