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SDS Benefits to Fremont County

There are some key ways SDS will benefit Fremont County if the Highway 115 Alternative is chosen:

- There will be \$600 million in construction work, which will result in jobs and purchases of local goods and services, such as gas, supplies, hotel rooms and visits to local restaurants. Fremont County contractors will be able to compete for these contracts. With the State Labor Department reporting a jobless rate of 7.8% in Fremont County, construction for SDS will come at an ideal time for boosting the local economy.
- We are working with two Fremont County water providers on a plan to partner with us on the Highway 115 alternative, once they complete required environmental analysis and permitting. The ability to tie into the SDS pipeline rather than building new facilities could result in significant cost-savings to these water providers and their customers.
- Fire fighters in Fremont County will be able to use hydrants near the three SDS pump stations in the county to help fight fires in remote communities that do not currently have this resource available.
- Significant improvement is proposed to transform the Florence River Park on the Arkansas River into a recreational amenity for boaters and visitors.
- Local roads impacted during construction will be restored to pre-construction conditions or better.
- Colorado Springs will continue its 20+ year participation in the Upper Arkansas Voluntary Flow Management Program that establishes annual targeted minimum river flow rates set by the Department of Natural Resources to assure that fishery and recreational needs in the area are met.

Our commitments to Fremont County:

SDS can be mutually beneficial for all of us. Here are our commitments to the citizens of Fremont County:

Commitment #1: Fremont County won't have to help pay for SDS. Colorado Springs has signed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Fremont County Commissioners establishing a well-defined process for us to work with the County for the review of permit applications associated with SDS. Under the agreement, Colorado Springs will reimburse the County for any costs related to reviewing SDS permit applications.

Commitment #2: We'll restore any land we disturb. Pursuant to our agreement with the County, we'll mitigate or address impacts we have on private or public land or the environment. We'll mitigate impacts to affected roads, other infrastructure, river banks and parks. And, in some cases, we'll improve the current conditions.

Commitment #3: Landowners will be fairly compensated. We've met with many landowners along the proposed Fremont County route of the SDS pipeline to open a dialogue and make sure they're informed of our plans. If the pipeline is built through Fremont County, we'll make sure all landowners are informed before and during construction on their property. Any owner whose land is impacted by construction will be fairly compensated.

Commitment #4: We won't harm your water. If we build the SDS pipeline through Fremont County, we'll take water we own the rights to from the Arkansas River near Florence. That's downstream from the municipal water intakes in Fremont County. Your wastewater and water costs won't be affected. SDS water impacts in Fremont County will be negligible and the use of our water won't affect other users' water rights.

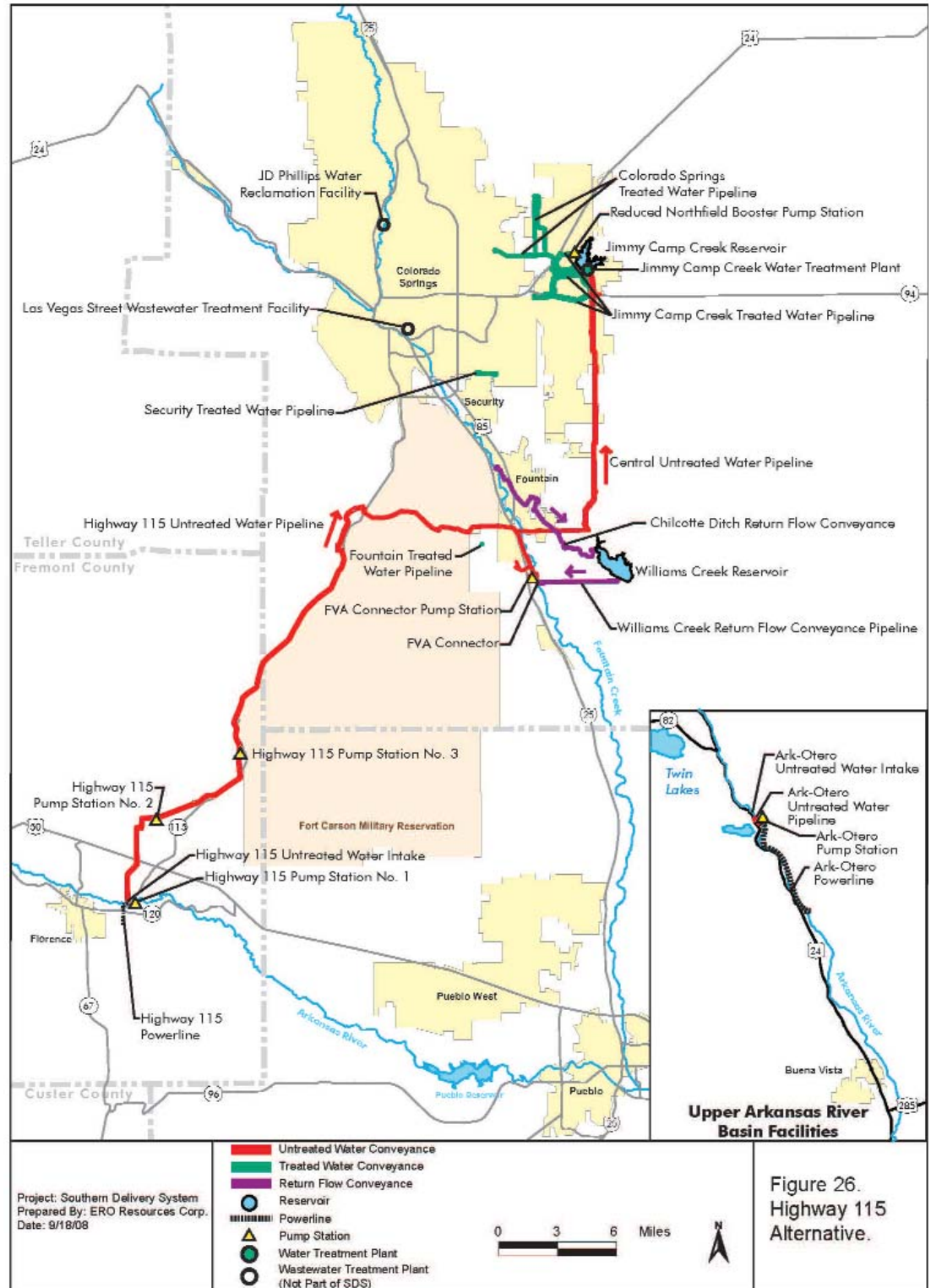
Southern Delivery System: Highway 115 Alternative

The Southern Delivery Project (SDS) Participants are closely evaluating two water delivery alternatives for the SDS project, including the Highway 115 Alternative in Fremont County, named for the proximity the pipeline would travel along Highway 115.

For the Highway 115 Alternative, SDS project participants – Colorado Springs, Fountain and Security – would take water they own the rights to from the north bank of the Arkansas River at Highway 115 near Florence. A pipeline would be built to transport the water west and north of Penrose and then along Highway 115. Additionally, three water pump stations would be built in Fremont County to help transport water through 17 miles of underground pipeline in Fremont County to El Paso County. Additionally, we are working with two Fremont County water providers on a plan to partner with them on the Highway 115 alternative.

The SDS Project Participants applied for a Special Review Use Permit (SRUP) from Fremont County in September 2008. The permit would outline Fremont County’s requirements as it relates to construction, technical issues and mitigation of impacts for the project. Our application covers all of these issues, including how we will address impacts to private property, infrastructure, roads and other areas affected by construction.

We are continuing to work with Fremont County to ensure we can build the project to meet the needs and requirements of your communities.



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