

## **Water Year 2007 Notes**

### **Carter Lake Reservoir**

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#### Water Year 2007 at Carter Lake Reservoir

*These notes will be updated periodically*

- The Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District will construct a new outlet for Carter Lake Dam #1, the southern-most dam, this fall
- The new outlet will help provide flexibility for water delivery to entities south and east of Carter Lake Reservoir
- The additional flexibility is needed to meet growing municipal demands
- An outlet tower will be constructed at Dam #1 between October of 2007 and March of 2008
- During construction, the water level at Carter Lake will be restricted to an elevation of 5657
- To reach that elevation by October, water levels at the reservoir begin the recreation season approximately 20 vertical feet lower than average

#### Impacts to Recreation

*These dates are subject to change*

- The South Ramp at Carter Lake reservoir will likely become unusable mid-to-late July, 2007
- The North Pines Ramp will likely become unusable late August to early September, 2007
- The North Ramp will likely become unusable the mid-to-late September, 2007
- Water levels should begin to rise again in spring 2008 with all ramps in the water by summer, if not sooner

#### Background on Carter Lake Reservoir

- A human-made body of water built by Reclamation to store and supply water to agriculture and municipalities along the northern front range
- Water levels fluctuate often, filling primarily in the spring and slowly going down over the summer and early fall
- Part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, or “C-BT”
- The C-BT is a water diversion and storage project that moves water from the Colorado River, east under the Continental Divide, to the north eastern Front Range and plains
- Reclamation owns the C-BT project, including Carter Lake Reservoir
- Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District maintains the reservoir
- Larimer County Parks and Open Lands manages all recreation at Carter Lake Reservoir

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