

From: Jean Miller [jam80478@gmail.com]
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To: wtully@gp.usbr.gov
Subject: Grand County water

Dear Sir,

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the efforts of out-of-county bodies trying to increase their water take from Grand County.

Many of our streams have been dried up for years. One can walk through many others with hardly getting his ankles wet by the time July comes.

The Front Range people want to come to the mountains to fish, swim in Grand Lake, boat, ski/snowmobile, admire the scenery, etc. We need water to accommodate this. We have ranchers up here who still need to grow hay. Our countryside needs to have water in order not to dry up even more than it is currently.

For some years now, a number of areas in the county have been restricting water usage. Low flow toilets and showers are common. We need to see more conservation efforts on the part of all the out-of-county people before we feel that we want to give away any more water! Why are people still putting in large fine lawns? Why are people putting in swimming pools? Why are people being allowed to build huge houses that take more water to service. We have a problem with all this.

We have water rights going back to 1882 and we are feeling that we will be lucky if we will be able to get our water as far as our property. There needs to be some strong mitigation done immediately.

Yours truly,
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