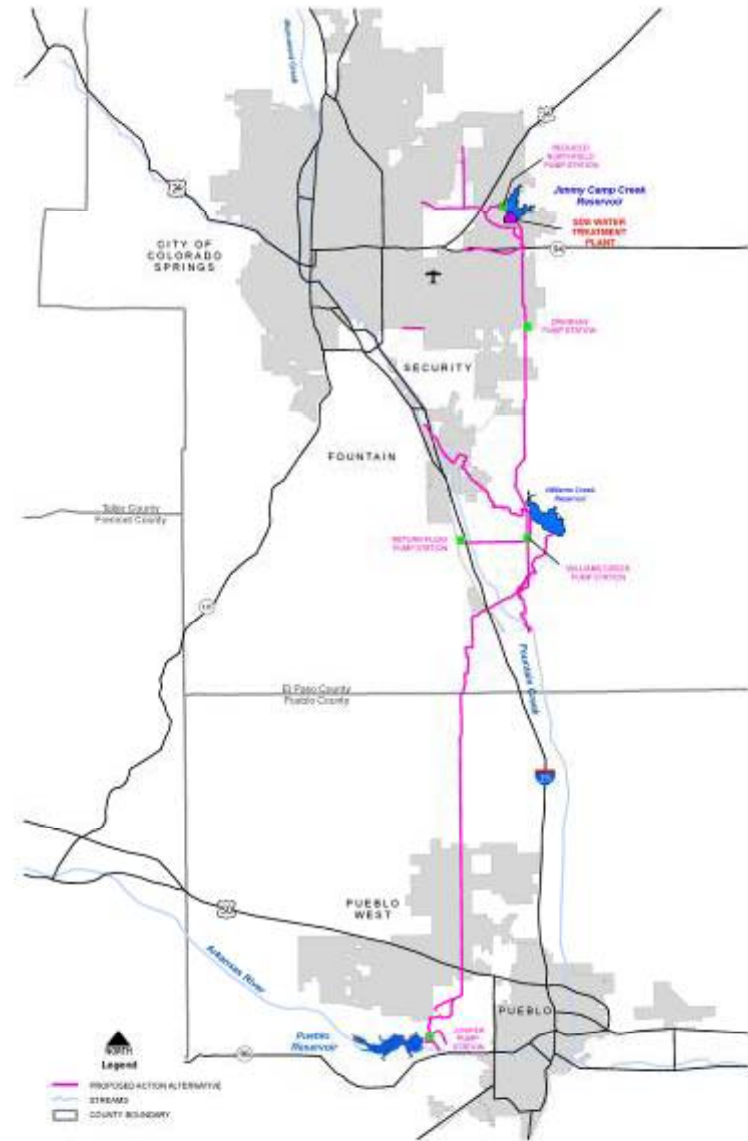


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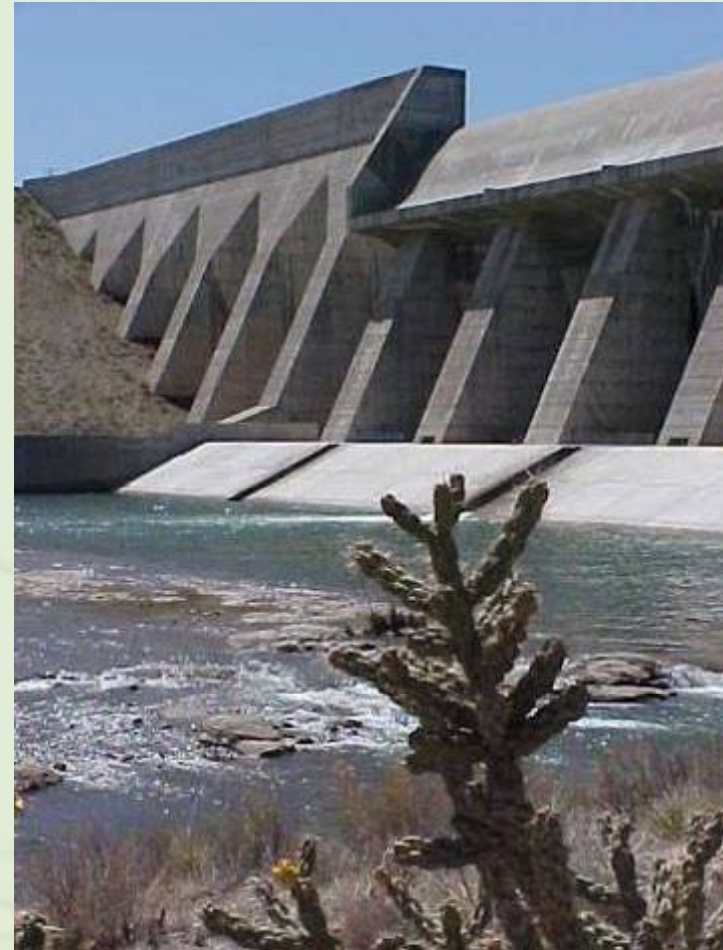
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July 10, 2008

John Fredell, Southern Delivery System Director,
Colorado Springs Utilities

- Our Future Depends On It
 - Cost effective
 - Dependable
 - Environmentally responsible



- Already own water rights
- No new trans-basin diversions
- No new main-stem dams
- No agricultural dry-up



- Conclusions of DEIS
 - All 6 Action Alternatives “reasonable”
 - Participants’ “Proposed Action” selected as Reclamation’s “Initial Preferred Alternative”
 - Impacts can be mitigated

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Southern Delivery System Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Great Plains Region



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Eastern Colorado Area Office
Loveland, Colorado

February 2008

Public Comment:

- Comment period closed June 13
- Reclamation evaluating comments

Observations:

- More comments in favor of Proposed Action than any other alternative
- Limited number of opposition comments from Fremont County

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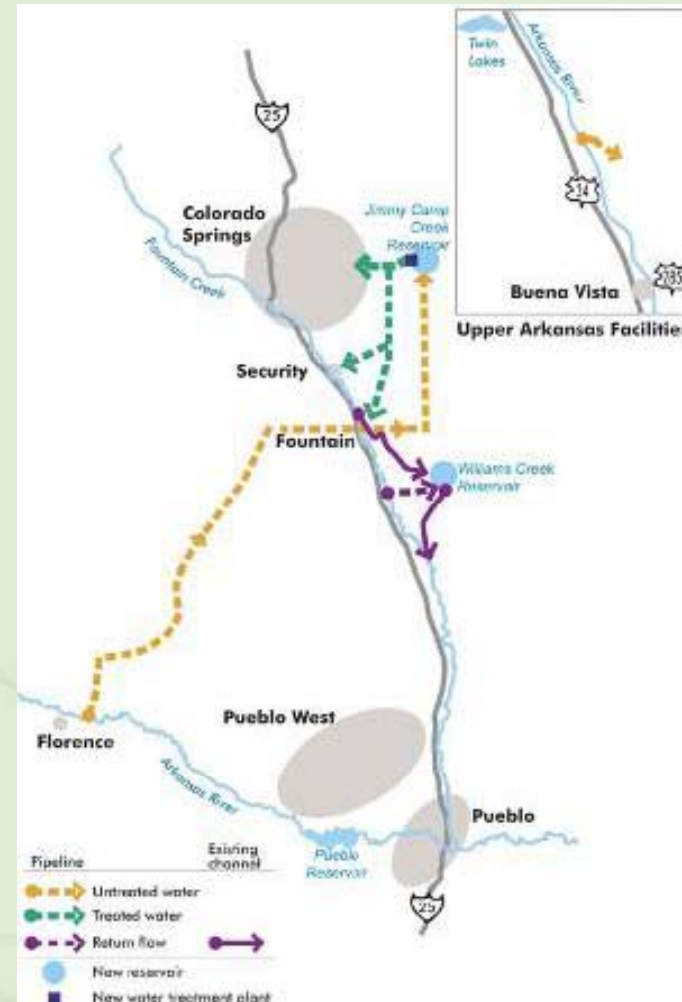
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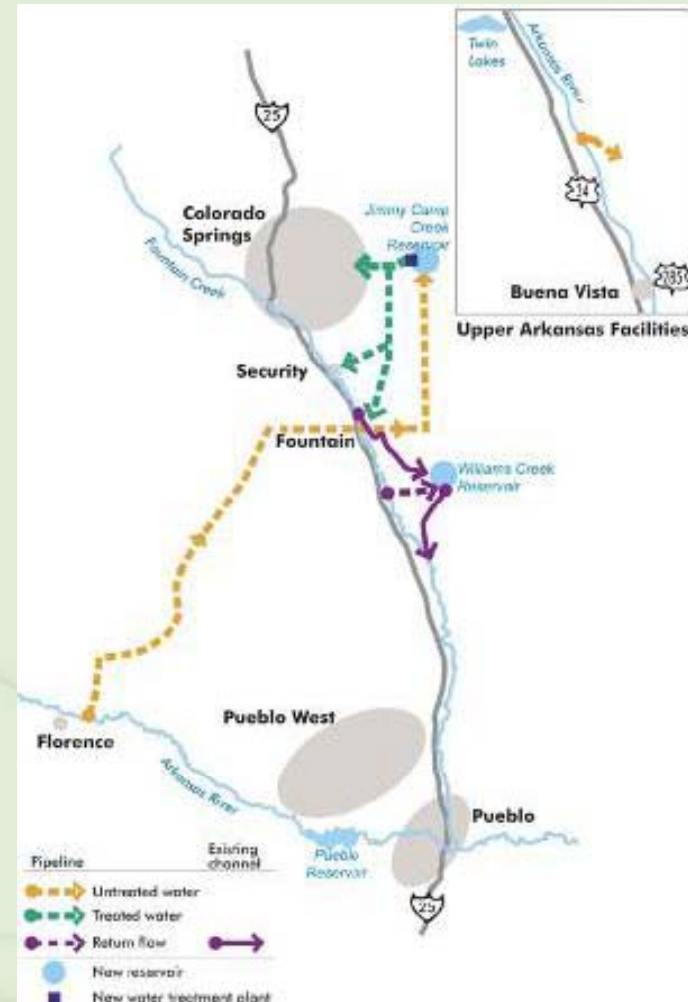
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- Intergovernmental agreement
 - Well-defined permitting process
 - Reimburse county
 - \$50,000 deposit
 - Covers cost of:
 - Public hearings
 - Legal fees
 - Engineering consultants
 - Any other activities related to SDS permit applications



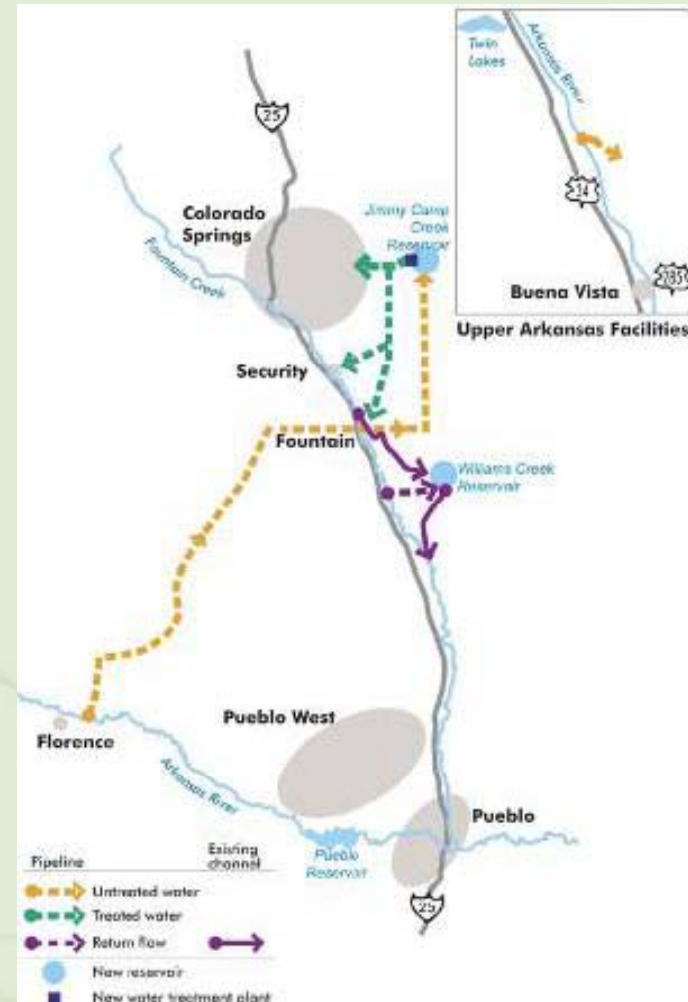
Highway 115 Alternative

- Mitigate impacts to land or environment
- Mitigate impacts to infrastructure
- In some cases, improve existing conditions



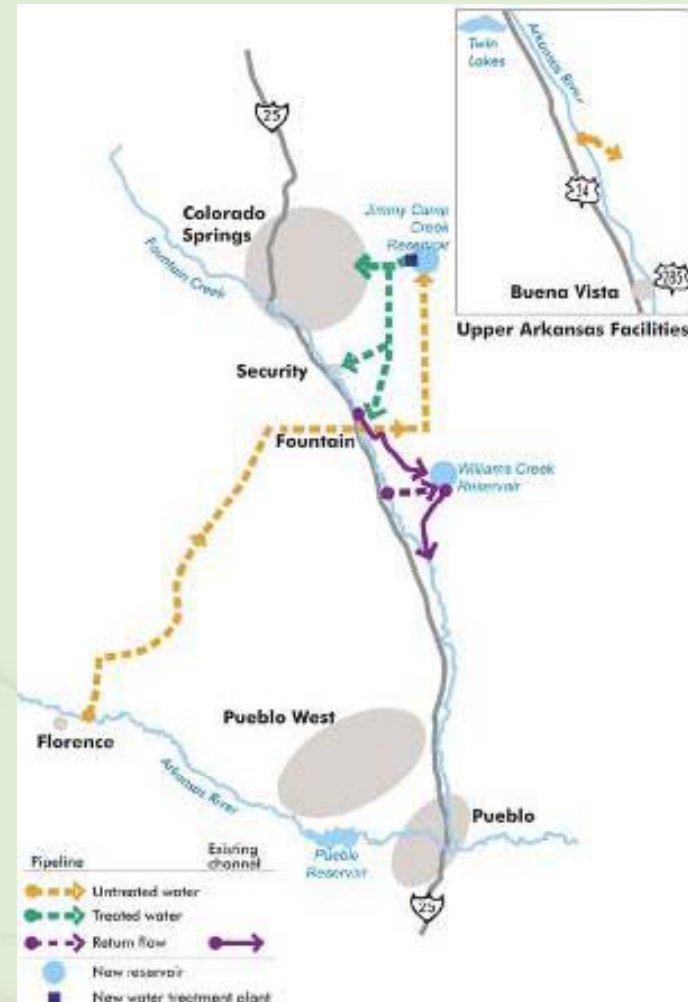
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- Meeting with landowners to get right of entry to their properties
- Work being done to evaluate the alignment
- Work done with landowners' permission/notification
- Landowners compensated for disturbance to land



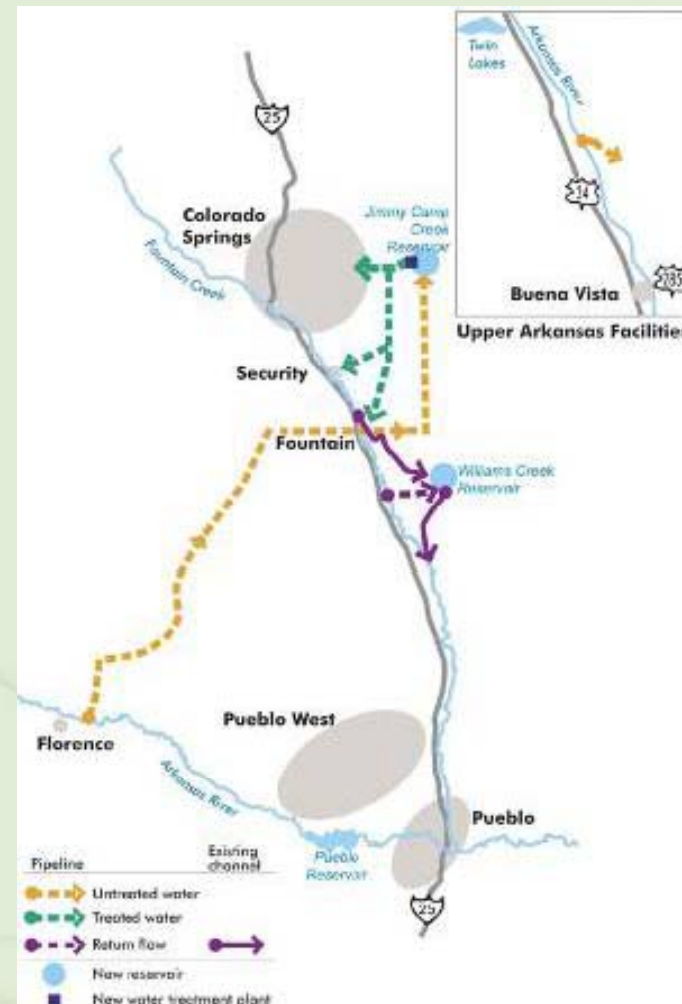
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- Water intake will be downstream of water supplies for Fremont County communities
- Continued participation in Upper Arkansas Voluntary Flow Management Program
- Springs Utilities exchange decrees establish 190 cfs minimum flow requirement at Portland Gauge
- No return flows to Arkansas River above Pueblo Reservoir



Highway 115 Alternative

- We need SDS: Future depends on it
- Recognize you shouldn't pay for it
- Collaborative process
- Explore opportunities for partnerships in Fremont County



Highway 115 Alternative



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Questions