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Clear Creek Restoration Work Fact Sheet

What kind of work is being done and why?

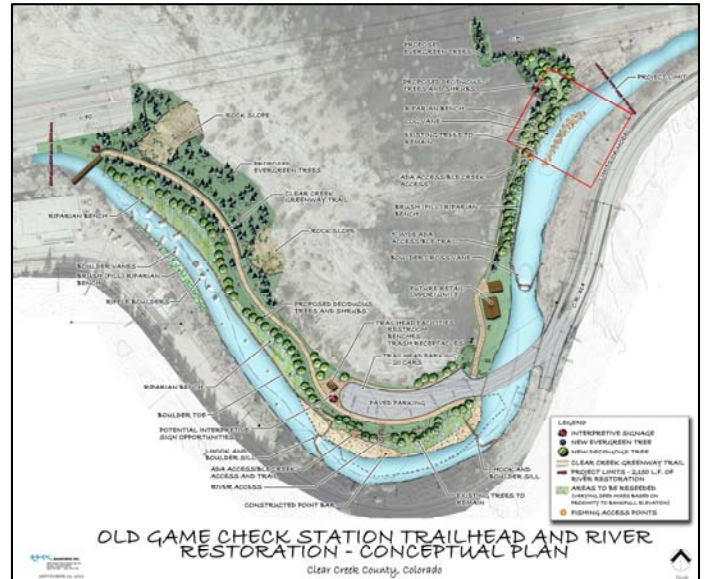
Crews are placing existing boulders and rock into Clear Creek to restore the channel to a more natural state and create a healthier ecosystem. This work will also accommodate additional river access points for recreation purposes.

Where and when will the river work take place? Restoration work will be done in the water and along the banks between the Scott Lancaster Bridge and the east side of the tunnels. Work is scheduled to begin in late February or early March and will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Saturday.

When will this work be complete? The major channel improvements will be done by April 15, but perennial plantings will be done later this year to ensure the plants survive the high flow period.

Is river use restricted during this time? Yes. This section of the river will be inaccessible until work is complete in April.

While work is being done on the banks of Clear Creek, what measures are being taken to prevent material from entering the water? When the river channel is being re-graded, some sediment might enter the water. A specialty contractor has been hired



to do this work quickly and efficiently, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will oversee the work and the Army Corps of Engineers will ensure the work is performed in accordance with the permit.

Will river users notice a difference?

Deepening the river channel in some sections could extend the rafting season by making it possible to travel through areas previously unpassable in low water conditions. A higher concentration of native vegetation will surround the river, which should also encourage larger numbers of trout to reside in the area.

