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Learn more about your water at virtual Summit State of the River

Webinar will explore runoff conditions, transmountain diversions and opportunities for you to get involved.

Silverthorne, CO — Whether it's for clean water from your kitchen tap, water for hay and livestock or flows to paddle and play on, we all rely on our rivers. Learn more about current conditions and issues in the Blue and Colorado river watersheds at the Summit State of the River at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14 on Zoom.

The webinar is free. Registration is required and can be completed at bit.ly/SummitSOR. This virtual event is hosted by the Colorado River District and the Blue River Watershed Group. A recording of the webinar will be emailed to registrants after the event.

The Summit State of the River is traditionally held as a community event, attracting more than 100 people to learn about local water issues. Because of the novel coronavirus, the sponsors are moving this rendition to a virtual meeting.

Presentations will include forecasts of how much water will be in area rivers and reservoirs later this summer, how Summit County fits into forecasted shortages facing the larger Colorado River Basin, an update on Summit County reservoirs, transmountain diversions and information about how you can participate in Blue River planning efforts to assess and sustain this valuable resource and its associated ecosystem.

Agenda:

- Protecting West Slope water as we face an uncertain water future – Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District
- An outlook on our water supply and updates from the Colorado Division of Water Resources – Troy Wineland, Summit County water commissioner at the Division of Water Resources
- Green Mountain Reservoir and Colorado-Big Thompson Project operations – Victor Lee, hydrological engineer at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Dillon Reservoir and Denver Water operations – Nathan Elder, Denver Water's manager of water supply
- Blue Lakes and Hoosier Pass system operations – Kalsoum Abbasi, Colorado Springs Utilities water planning supervisor
- The Blue River Integrated Management Plan – Vice President Peggy Bailey and Executive Director Erika Donaghy, Blue River Watershed Group

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