Fraser Flats River Habitat Project

by Grand County Learning By Doing



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A new approach to managing aquatic resources

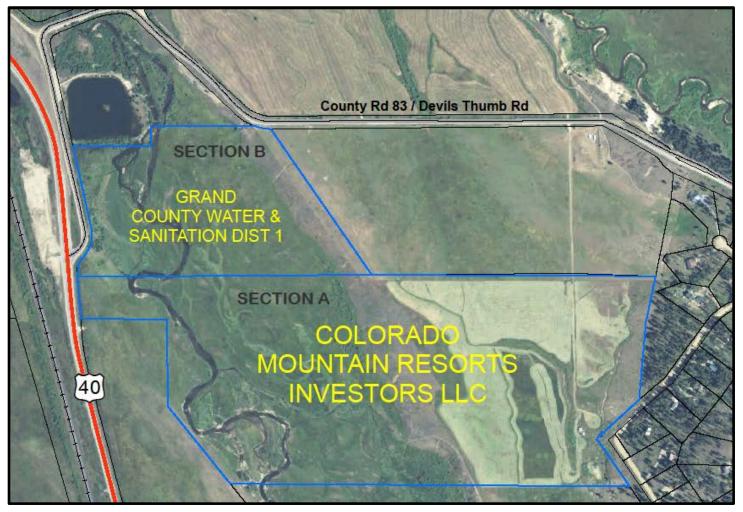
Management committee:

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Denver Water
- Grand County
- Middle Park Water Conservancy District
- North Water
- Trout Unlimited

Technical committee:

- Grand County Water and Sanitation District
- Grand County Water Information Network
- Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Forest Service
- Winter Park Water and Sanitation District

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Public-Private Partnership:

- 0.5 mile on private reach with conservation easement
- 0.41 mile on public reach Fishing Is Fun funded portion

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Output New Public Fishing Access on the Fraser River

Fraser Flats Reach – Current Status



Wide, shallow, uniform channel, lacking riparian canopy



High, steep banks susceptible to erosion, scouring and undercutting at high flows.

Re-channeling Effort

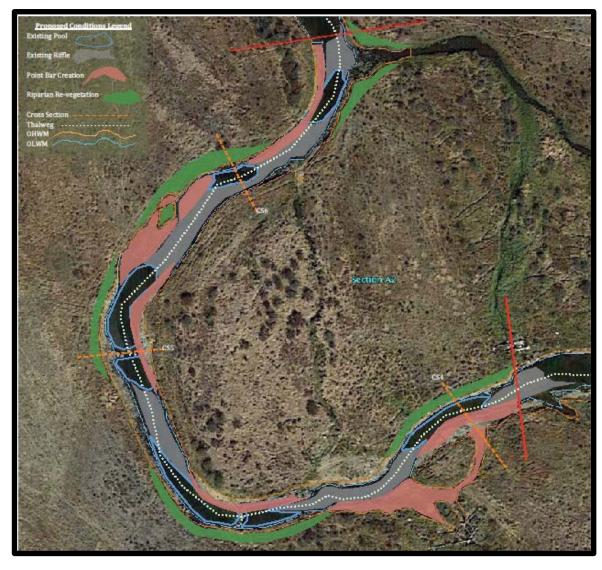


Enhance the fluvial process

- Narrower channel
- Riffle-poolglide complexes

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Re-vegetation Plan – Area map



Outside bends and southern stream banks:

- Erosion control
- Cover for trout
- Reduction of solar influence
- Clear casting lines for anglers

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Planting of Like Species



4,000 harvested willows



90 Kremmling cottonwoods



