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The CSRP is a partnership between federal and state entities and eight water providers in the Denver Metro area and northeast Colorado.
The project stakeholders have been working for more than two decades to prepare for this project and want the mitigation work to be done with as little impact on visitors as possible. Project benefits include:

- Increased sustainable water supply for present and future generations
- Enhanced valuable ecological resources such as:
  - Planting of over 100,000 plants, trees, and shrubs
  - Stream restoration and stabilization
  - Extensive erosion and sediment control

Existing recreational amenities and facilities will again be offered upon completion of the project.

- New ADA compliant structures and facilities in relocated areas
- Improved road surfaces; trails replaced in-kind

About 10% of the added water storage is dedicated to the Environmental Pool, increasing the flow of the South Platte River, enhancing the river’s health, increasing recreational activities and supporting agricultural operations downstream.

The Adaptive Tree Management Plan will protect visitors and dam operations by removing debris and unhealthy trees from the fluctuation zone while also conserving healthy trees and maintaining important bird and wildlife habitat.

CONSTRUCTION
The project participants have formed the Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company, Inc. (CRMC) to implement the CSRP. The CRMC is committed to minimizing the impact to park visitors and has scheduled construction activities for the fall, winter and spring months. Please refer to the reverse side of this handout for 2019 construction activities. For the most current updates on construction, please visit our website chatfieldreallocation.org/construction.

Chatfield State Park
While the Corps owns and operates the dam and reservoir, it leases land and the reservoir to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to operate Chatfield State Park, Colorado’s most visited state park with more than 1.6 million visitors annually.

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NORTH BOAT RAMP
OPEN as of March 2, 2019

SWIM BEACH
OPEN as of May 24, 2019

JAMISON DAY USE AREA
OPEN as of October 1, 2018

CATFISH FLATS DAY USE AREA
OPEN as of May 24, 2019

FOX RUN DAY USE AREA
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

KINGFISHER DAY USE AREA
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

GRAVEL PONDS
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

SOUTH BOAT RAMP
OPEN as of June 1, 2019

MARINA (DOCKS)
OPEN as of June 1, 2019

MARINA (LANDSIDE FACILITIES)
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

ROXBOROUGH COVE
OPEN as of August 2, 2019

PLUM CREEK DAY USE AREA
OPEN as of August 2, 2019

PLUM CREEK NATURE AREA
OPEN as of August 2, 2019

SOUTH PLATTE MITIGATION
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

SUMMER 2019
ROAD CLOSURES

PERIMETER ROAD
Catfish Flats to Park Headquarters
OPEN as of July 3, 2019

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE TRAILS
Recreation trails from Deer Creek to Catfish Flats OPEN as of May 24, 2019. Remaining trails from Catfish Flats over South Platte Bridge to Heronry OPEN as of July 3, 2019.