

Hello Save It people,

**Good news:** The Cities of Berthoud and Dacono have withdrawn their interest as potential partners in the project. When I last checked with staff at the Colorado Water Conservation Board, new potential partners had not signed on. This does not mean the fight is over! New partners can come into play, so we will remain vigilant.

**Same old news:** The wait continues for the second Public Scoping Meeting. I understand the Corps is still working on the Yield Analysis to determine how much inflow could be reliably available for potential end users. The Bear Creek Watershed Association has documented a longterm trend of declining flows in Bear Creek. Therefore, past flows are not a reliable predictor of future flows. Other variables include how potential storage partners would use the stored water (year-round demand, seasonal demand, emergency demand). All of these factors, along with future drought and flood scenarios, contribute to one of our biggest concerns: how much will a potentially larger pool fluctuate, and how will that impact the surrounding landscape?

**Gratitude news:** Thanks to Wayne Bauders and Rob Raker for providing stunning photos of birds in BCLP to our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069381094533>). Thanks also to Don Baumgardt for managing the page and for his new series, Wings on Wednesday. Last month, volunteers helped Park staff clean up flood damage and plant new trees. Volunteers also teamed up for the annual Haunted Trail event. Below, Farmer Joe and Bat (Katie Gill) talk to kids about bats. All along the trail, visitors learned from critters who inhabit the park.

Finally, consider Save Bear Creek Lake Park for your holiday giving this year. We are entirely volunteer and donor driven. Our recent expenses have included legal advocacy and marketing materials. Any remaining funds (after we Save It) will be donated to BCLP. We are a 501c3 organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Click here to donate: <https://savebearcreeklakepark.org/donate/>



Happy Halloween,

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