

Dear SaveBCLP friends,

The pace is quickening.

The Army Corps of Engineers has provided an In-Progress Review for the Bear Creek Study. Tentative alternatives focus on storage additions to the Bear Creek Reservoir ranging from 300 acre-feet (af) to 6,000 af. We very much support the 300 af alternative, which would have almost no impact on Bear Creek Lake Park.

On the other hand, 6,000 acre feet would be devastating. See the aerial image below to understand what would be lost. The zone of impact would include .6 miles of Bear Creek and half a mile of Turkey Creek. Thousands of trees, which provide habitat for countless species of plants and animals, would likely be removed. Miles of trails would also be gone.



6000 ac-ft Expansion Results: 183 acres inundated including 1.15 miles of riparian corridor

Next week the Bear Creek Lake Study will be briefly on the agenda at a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Directors' meeting. Our board will be there, and we expect to have a few minutes to make a comment. This two day CWCB meeting is neither the time nor the place for the SaveBCLP community to attend. The agenda includes water issues from across the state that affect us all, including a five hour deliberation on the Colorado River. Rest assured, we are committed to advancing your concerns as strategically as possible and will provide a more detailed update the following week.

We've been saying for way too long that your help would be needed "soon". That time is fast-approaching. The Public Scoping Hearing you've been waiting for is on the horizon. Your attendance and/or participation at that meeting will be critical. While late January remains a goal for the public hearing, no date has been set. Nevertheless, we'll get at least 30 days notice. In the meantime, there will be opportunities for you make a difference in the next two months.

These things are true at once-  
**Our voices are being heard.**  
**Your engagement matters.**  
**THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER.**

Stay tuned for next steps and a big push to Save It!

Thanks for your continued vigilance,

Katie Gill and Don Baumgardt  
Directors, Save Bear Creek Lake Park

P.S.

CWCB meetings are made available for listening/watching on YouTube. The agenda is here: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/events/board-meeting-november-19-20-2025>. Links to watch either day's meeting will be posted in the right side bar of the agenda linked above. The Bear Creek Update is scheduled for 2:00 on Nov. 20, but given the packed agenda, that could slip.