

Boating with quagga and zebra mussels in 2010

What to expect this summer at Colorado-Big Thompson Project lakes and reservoirs

Zebra and quagga mussels are fresh water mollusk species native to the Black Sea and Caspian Sea watersheds of Eurasia. Both are highly invasive and impact water quality, distribution, recreation and fisheries because they attach themselves to hard surfaces such as crayfish, pipelines and boats.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has confirmed the presence of zebra and quagga mussels in several Colorado lakes and reservoirs, including Pueblo Reservoir, Grand Lake, Lake Granby, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir, Jumbo Reservoir and Tarryall Reservoir.

The CDOW and other agencies have implemented management plans to prevent further spread of quagga and zebra mussels. In many instances the plans mandate inspection of motorized and trailered boats before entering and after leaving lakes and reservoirs, including some in the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.

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The U.S. Forest Service manages all recreation in the Arapaho National Recreation Area out of the Sulphur Ranger District in Granby. For water recreation and boating information within the ANRA (including Lake Granby, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir and Grand Lake) please contact:

U.S. Forest Service
Sulphur Ranger District
9 Ten Mile Drive
Granby, CO 80446
970-887-4100
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf/recreation/anra/mussels.shtml>

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For water recreation and boating information at Horsetooth Reservoir, Carter Lake, Pinewood Reservoir and Flatiron Reservoir please contact:

Larimer County Parks
Bison Visitor Center
1800 South County Road 31
Loveland, CO 80537
970-679-4570
http://www.co.larimer.co.us/parks/boating_inspections.htm

For water recreation and boating information at **Boulder Reservoir** please contact:

Boulder Parks and Recreation
Stacy Cole, Boulder Reservoir Manager
303-413-7278
http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1744&Itemid=2105

For water recreation and boating information at **Lake Estes** please contact:

Estes Valley Recreation and Park District
1770 Big Thompson Avenue
Estes Park, CO 80517
970-586-2011
<http://www.estesvalleyrecreation.com/marina.html>

For information on boat inspections throughout the state, visit the Colorado Division of Wildlife at:

<http://parks.state.co.us/Boating/NewBoatInspection/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx>
<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/MandatoryBoatInspections.htm>