

Front Range Water Usage Obtained From The South Platte River

Denver Water, with the input from some of our colleagues at other utilities, has assembled the following data. Since water supplies vary from watershed to watershed in any given year, it is appropriate to consider these numbers as gross estimates. It would be appropriate to conclude that 80% of 1.7 million metro Denver customers served by Aurora Water, Denver Water, Englewood, Centennial WSD (Highlands Ranch), Thornton, rely upon the South Platte. There are some other users of South Platte River water for drinking water not listed.

Entity	% of Treated Water diverted from South Platte River	Population served
Aurora	95%	309,416
Denver	78%	1,143,000
Englewood	95%	47,000
Highlands Ranch	89%	90,000
Thornton	65%	135,000
Total		1,724,416
Weighted %	81.1%	

This data should help put into perspective the potential impact of proposed in-situ uranium mining on groundwater and surface waters.

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