



Upper South Platte River Watershed

The Upper South Platte River Watershed totals 8,106,960 acres.

It includes all and/or parts of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld Counties.

NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Metro, Brighton, Byers, Fort Collins, Franktown, Greeley, and Kiowa USDA Field Service Centers to assist residents.

Resources at work from October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

The Colorado Watershed Approach

Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

High Priority Resource Concerns in the Upper South Platte River Watershed

- Water Quality
- Erosion
- Water Quantity
- Rangeland Health
- Integrated Pest Management

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Productive Lands -
Healthy Environment**

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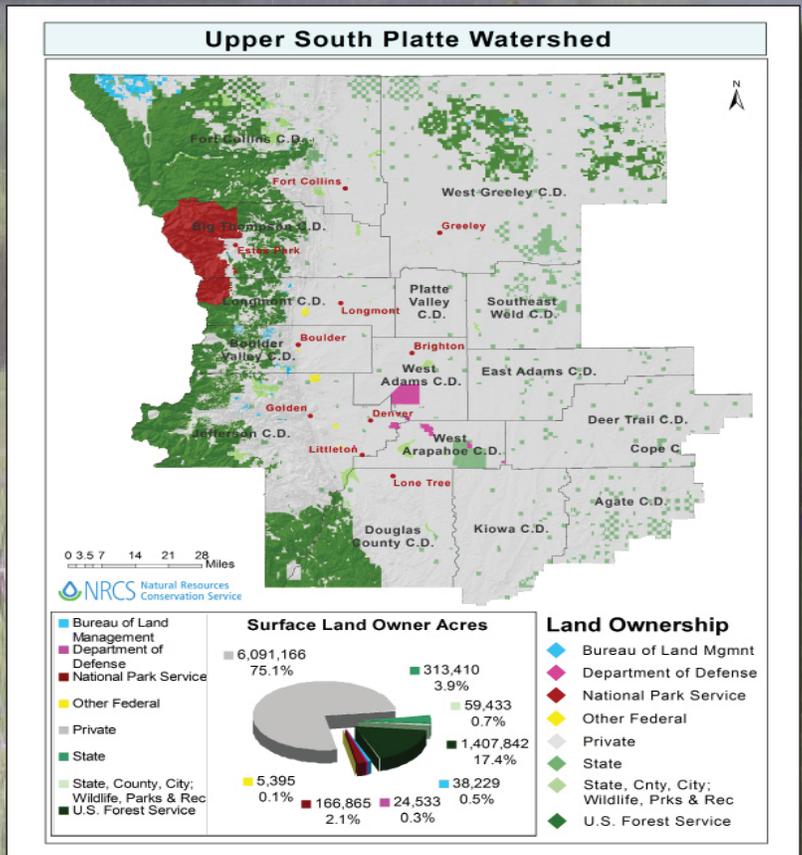
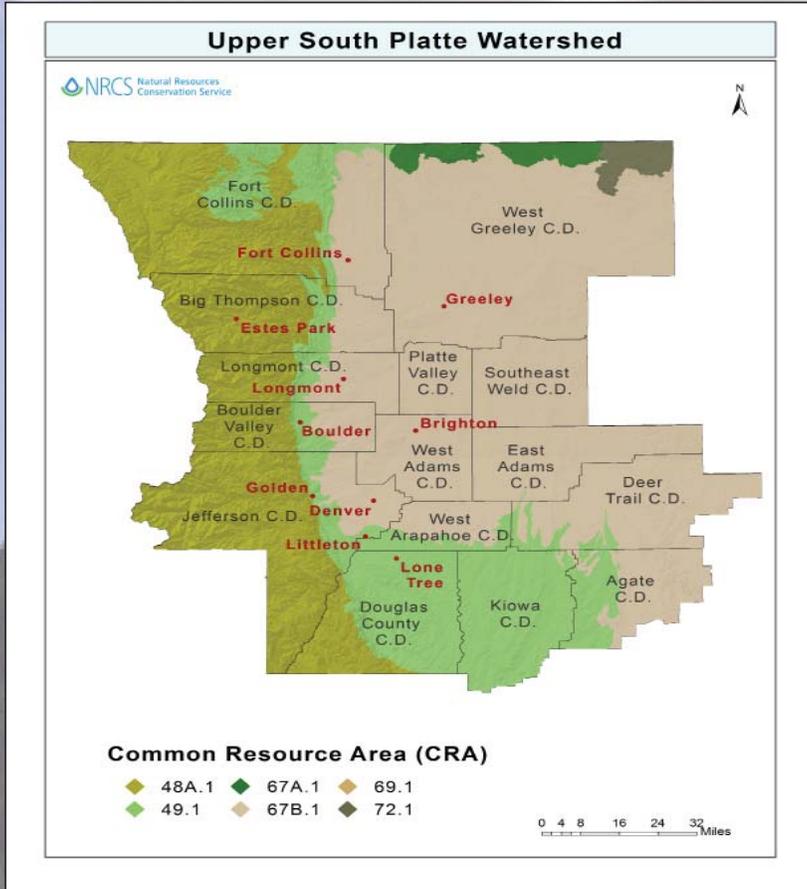
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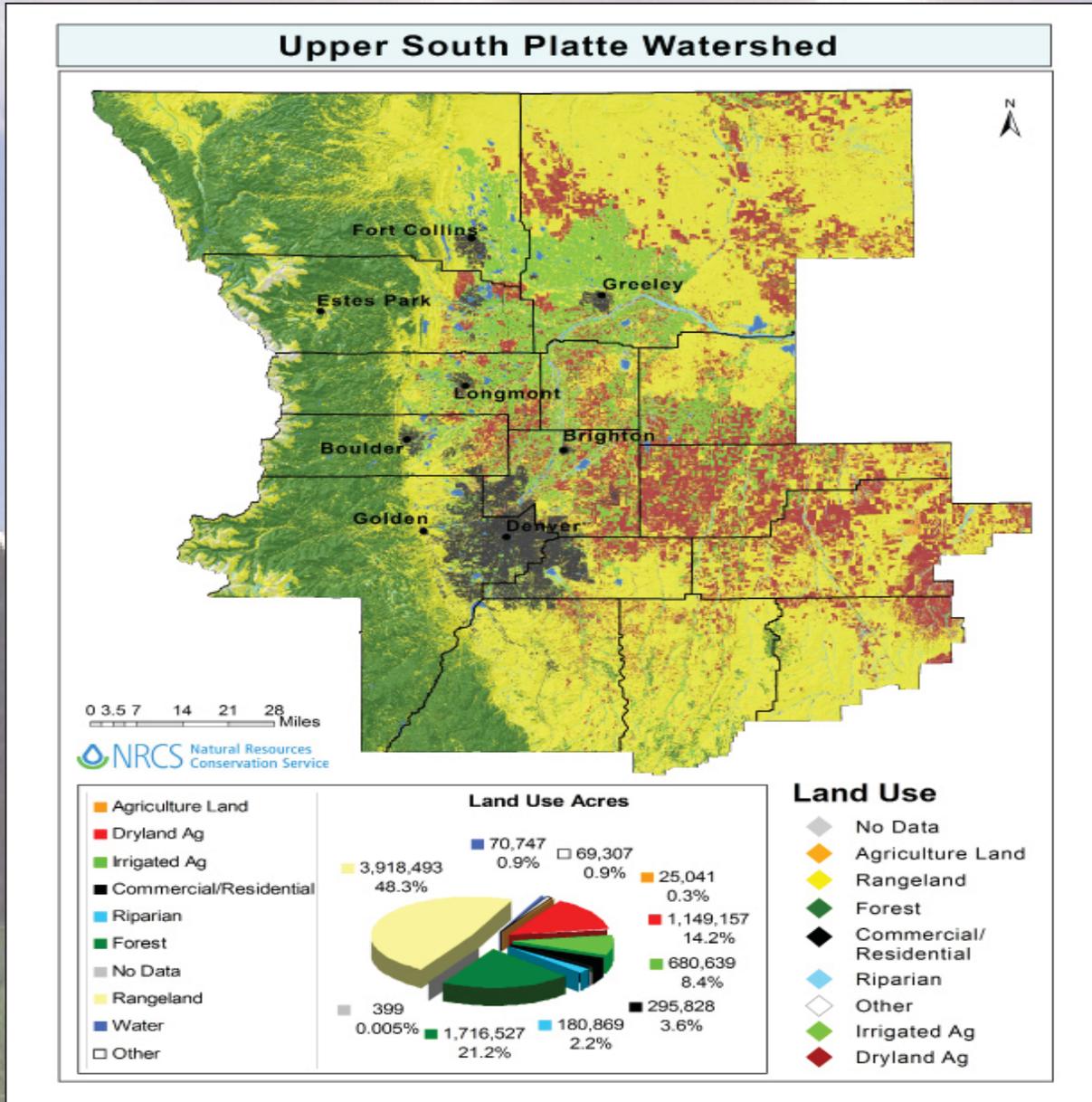
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75 A Legacy of Conservation
Years Helping People Help the Land

Watershed Profile



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Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Summary



Upper South Platte River	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Upper South Platte - All Lands/Wildlife	10	10	\$72,903	2,855
Upper South Platte - Cropland/Soil Management	12	7	\$470,065	14,103
Upper South Platte - Cropland/Water Quality/Quantity	45	21	\$1,173,300	2,535
Upper South Platte - Forestry	23	8	\$187,052	1,372
Upper South Platte - Grazingland	26	13	\$674,501	21,458
CPP - Riparian Health Restoration	5	5	\$75,500	64
EQIP Air Quality - North Front Range	42	36	\$1,745,375	18,952
Organic-Certified	7	6	\$293,366	2,873
Organic-Transition	7	7	\$364,027	1,723
Planning - Agriculture Energy Management	2	1	\$970	1,000
Planning - CNMP	1	1	\$4,891	600
Planning - Forestry	7	6	\$15,173	398
Totals	187	121	\$5,077,123	67,933

Farm Bill Program Activities Summary Upper South Platte River

NRCS Program	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)	4	2	\$209,556	126
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	79	59	\$1,409,503	83,078
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Easements)	2	0	\$0	0
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Rental Contracts)	2	1	\$500,000	3,571

Farm Bill Program Activities Statewide Summary

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Contracts: 768

Acres: 615,000

Financial Assistance: \$27.2 Million

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

Contracts: 12

Acres: 1,705

Financial Assistance: \$941,296

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Contracts: 19

Acres: 5,610

Financial Assistance: \$537,742

Grasslands Reserve Program

Rental Contracts/Easements: 8 / 4

Acres: 25,315 / 8,161

Financial Assistance: \$2.8 Million / \$3 Million

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

Properties/Entities: 14 properties, 7 entities

Acres: 15,752

Financial Assistance: \$6.5 Million

Wetlands Reserve Program

Easements: 2

Acres: 729

Financial Assistance: \$949,875

Conservation Stewardship Program

Applications: 471

Acres: 1.3 Million

Financial Assistance: \$11.8 Million