



BEAR CREEK WATERSHED

Fact Sheet 29 Stream Classifications

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Classification of stream segments is required by state and federal Clean Water Acts. The expected uses or classifications are assigned to each stream segment by the state. Segments not able to meet the criteria for the assigned classifications are considered impaired. Attainability is judged by whether or not the use classification can be attained in approximately twenty (20) years by any recognized control techniques that are environmentally, economically, and socially acceptable.

The Bear Creek Watershed Association protects and restores water and environmental quality within the Bear Creek Watershed from the effects of land use.

Clear Creek County
 Jefferson County
 City of Lakewood
 Town of Morrison
 Aspen Park Metropolitan District
 Brook Forest Inn
 Conifer Sanitation Association
 Conifer Metropolitan District
 Denver Water Department
 Evergreen Metropolitan District
 Forrest Hills Metropolitan District
 Genesee Sanitation & Water District
 Geneva Glen
 Jefferson County School District
 Kittredge Water & Sanitation District
 Tiny Town Foundation, Inc.
 West Jefferson County Metropolitan District
 Evergreen Trout Unlimited
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Recreation Class E = Existing Primary Contact Use. These surface waters are used for primary contact recreation or have been used for such activities since November 28, 1975.

Class I - Cold Water Aquatic Life
 These are waters that currently are capable of sustaining a wide variety of cold water biota, including sensitive species. Cold 2 waters have correctable water quality conditions.

Class 1 - Warm Water Aquatic Life
 These are waters that currently are capable of sustaining a wide variety of warm water biota, including sensitive species. Warm 2 waters have correctable water quality conditions.

Segment	Stream Segment Description	Classifications
1a	Mainstem of Bear Creek from the boundary of the Mt. Evans Wilderness area to the inlet of Evergreen Lake	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
1b	Mainstem of Bear Creek from Harriman Ditch to the inlet of Bear Creek Reservoir	Aq Life Cold 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
1c	Bear Creek Reservoir.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
1d	Evergreen Lake.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
1e	Mainstem of Bear Creek from the outlet of Evergreen Lake to the Harriman Ditch.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
2	Mainstem of Bear Creek from the outlet of Bear Creek Reservoir to the confluence with the South Platte River.	Aq Life Warm 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
3	All tributaries to Bear Creek, including all wetlands, from the source to the outlet of Evergreen Lake, Except for specific listings in Segment 7.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
4a	All tributaries to Bear Creek, including all wetlands, from the outlet of Evergreen Lake to the confluence with the South Platte River, except for specific listings in Segments 5, 6a, and 6b.	Aq Life Warm 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
5	Swede, Kerr, Sawmill, Troublesome, and Cold Springs Gulches, and mainstem of Cub Creek from the source to the confluence with Bear Creek.	Aq Life Cold 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
6a	Turkey Creek system, including all tributaries and wetlands, from the source to the inlet of Bear Creek Reservoir, except for specific listings in Segment 6b.	Aq Life Cold 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
6b	Mainstem of North Turkey Creek, from the source to the confluence with Turkey Creek.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
7	Mainstem and all tributaries to Bear Creek, including wetlands, within the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture, Outstanding Waters
8	Lakes and reservoirs in the Bear Creek system from the sources to the boundary of the Mt. Evans Wilderness area.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture, Outstanding Waters
9	Lakes and reservoirs in the Bear Creek system from the boundary of the Mt. Evans Wilderness area to the inlet of Evergreen Lake.	Aq Life Cold 1, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
10	Lakes and reservoirs in drainages of Swede Gulch, Sawmill Gulch, Troublesome Gulch, and Cold Springs Gulch from source to confluence with Bear Creek.	Aq Life Cold 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
11	Lakes and reservoirs in the Bear Creek system from the outlet of Evergreen Lake to the confluence with the South Platte River, except as specified in Segments 1c, 10, and 12; includes Soda Lakes.	Aq Life Warm 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture
12	Lakes and reservoirs in the Turkey Creek system from the source to the inlet of Bear Creek Reservoir	Aq Life Cold 2, Recreation E, Water Supply, Agriculture