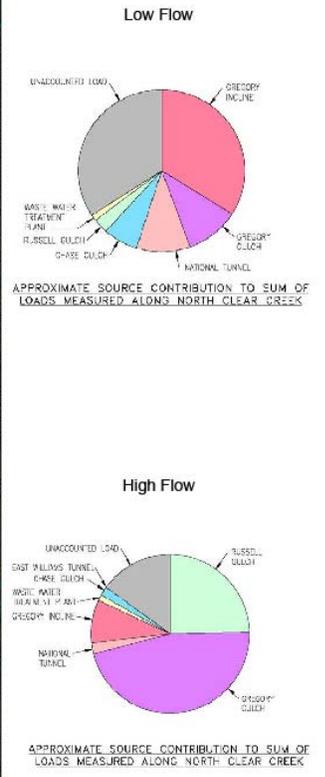
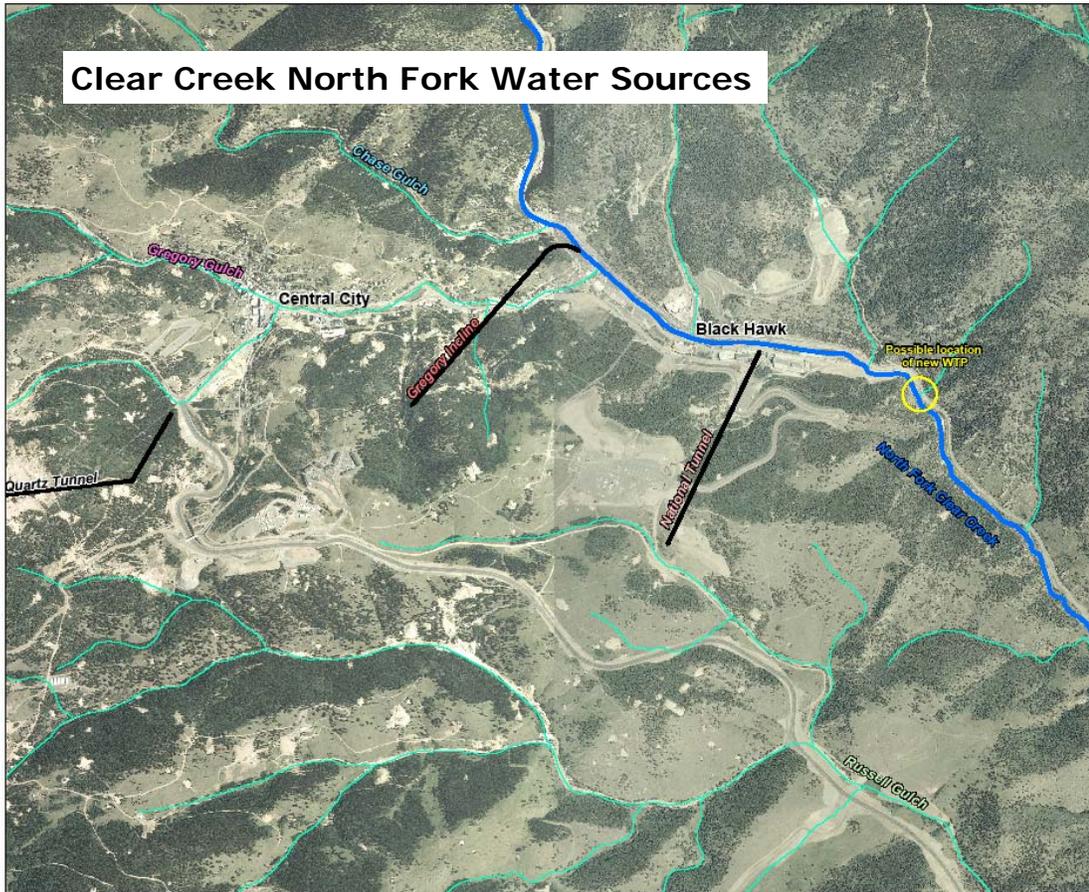


# Improving Water Quality in the North Fork of Clear Creek



**Sediment management** and active water treatment are the keys to better water quality. Eroded mine waste piles (left) dump contaminated sediment into waterways, harming fish. Run-on ditches direct water around piles, grading and capping piles reduces runoff, and riprap dams (right) trap sediment during high flow, before it can reach Clear Creek.



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