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GOOSE PASTURE TARN WATER LEVELS LOWERED

Dam repairs require lowering of water to perform maintenance on spillways

BRECKENRIDGE, CO – *April 18, 2016* – Through annual inspections, the Town of Breckenridge has identified that repairs are necessary for the Goose Pasture Tarn Dam. These repairs are needed to maintain the integrity of the dam and to keep the dam functioning into the future. These repairs on the Town's major water reservoir are slated to begin on April 20, weather dependent.

The first phase of the dam repair consists of modifications to the service and emergency spillways. This work will lower the level of the emergency spillway temporarily and will also lower the water level of the Goose Pasture Tarn reservoir noticeably (approximately 10 to 20 feet) to enable the repairs to be completed without interference from water.

Preparation work, including snow removal from the Dam, began last week and concrete core sampling is expected to begin today. Heavy equipment will be utilized for this first phase of repair work.

While the reservoir is being lowered, the flow in the Blue River below the Dam is estimated to increase by 30 to 40 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is comparable to flows in a typical early May or mid-late August time period. When this first phase of repairs are completed, estimated for late Spring, the water level of the Tarn will remain four to five feet lower than normal until the final repair is completed, which is estimated to be the end of 2017.

Located in the Town of Blue River, the Goose Pasture Tarn is the primary water storage facility for the Town of Breckenridge water customers. The Dam is an earthen structure that was built in 1965 and has received regular maintenance throughout its fifty year history.

For more information on the Dam repairs, please visit www.TownofBreckenridge.com/TarnRepairs, or call the Town's Water Division at (970) 453-3378. For information on the regulations on the Goose Pasture Tarn, please visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofblueriver/goose-pasture-tarn-rules.

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