

## Northern Water & the C-BT Project

<u>Supplemental Supply</u> Municipal, ag, industrial and domestic water users <u>Service Area</u> 1.6 million acres 8 counties

Irrigated Land 615,000 acres

1,100,000+ residents

Northern Water joint operation with BOR

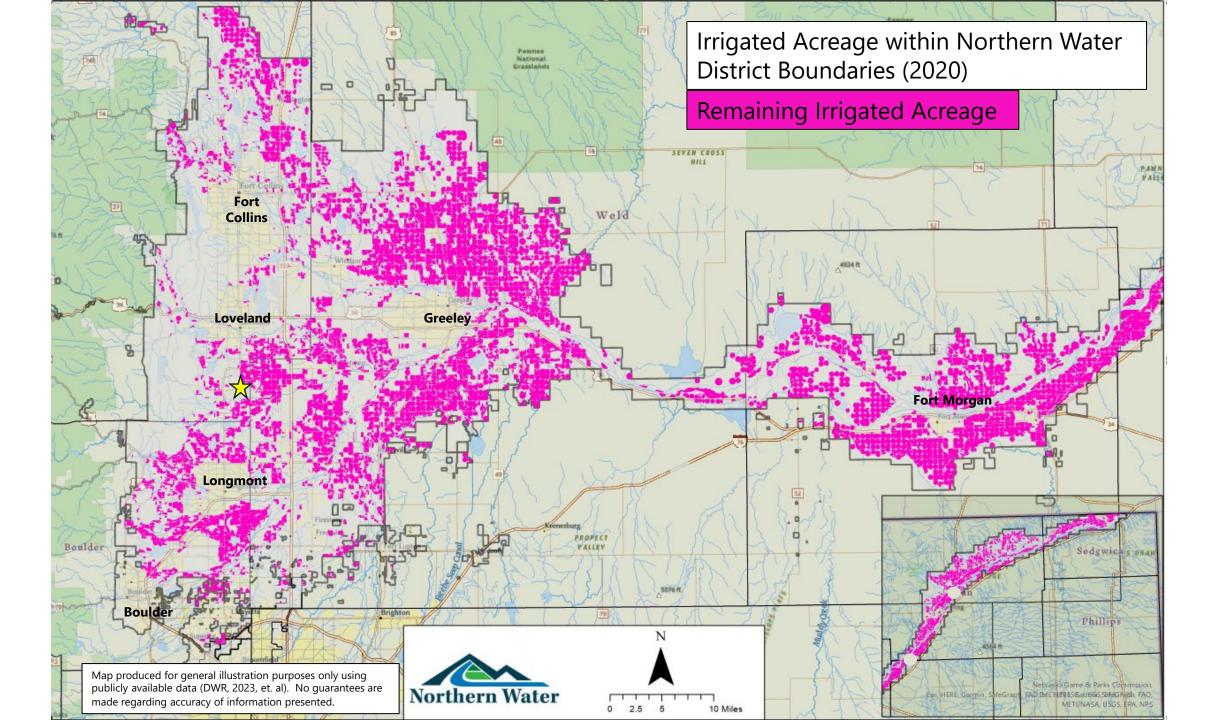
Average deliveries 215,000 acre-feet/year



## Water Supply Risks & Challenges







## **A Community Conversation**

Is irrigated agriculture becoming the "default" water source for growing Front Range communities? Are economic, environmental, and societal impacts being properly mitigated when water departs a region?

Are water collaborations properly balancing agricultural and urban needs?

What role do developers, private equity firms, and other intermediaries continue to play in facilitating ag-to-urban transfers?

How important is increased transparency for water transfers? How do we get Colorado's urban centers to care about rural communities who also rely on water to support their wellbeing?



## **Safeguarding the Region's Water Resources**

- Water is a foundational building block of prosperous communities
  - When water departs our region, wealth, security, and vitality are also lost
    - Water is essential to sustaining our rural communities, robust agricultural economy, and local food production
      - Water exports increase vulnerabilities, reduce future opportunities, and diminish our "sense of place"

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