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Jerry Creek Reservoirs Temporarily Reopen To The Public

Mesa County, CO- The Ute Water Conservancy District will be temporarily reopening the Jerry Creek Reservoirs to the public, starting July 2, 2008. The Jerry Creek Reservoirs were closed last year for “The Jerry Creek Reservoirs Expansion Project”. The \$3.6 million project will allow the District to raise the water level in Jerry Creek Reservoir No. 2 approximately 7 feet, adding an additional 1,300 acre feet of domestic water storage. The Jerry Creek Reservoirs are the District’s terminal reservoirs which currently hold nearly 7,500 acre feet of water and are located about 32 miles northeast of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Local anglers have been anticipating the reopening of the two reservoirs since their closure in mid August of 2007. “The Jerry Creek Reservoirs are a popular fishing location for largemouth bass and bluegill” says Joe Burtard, Public Relations Officer for Ute Water. The walk-in reservoirs are catch and release using artificial flies and lures only. Anglers may use float tubes, with waist high waders, but are not allowed to wade in the reservoirs.

The District had to postpone construction, on the nearly completed project, until they receive a 404 permit from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. “Once we receive the permit we will be able to resume the completion of the project” says Burtard. “Until then, we want the public to have access to the many benefits the Jerry Creek Reservoirs provide.” It has not been determined when the permit will be issued. Once the permit is issued, the reservoirs will be temporarily closed to the public until the project is completed.

Please contact Joe Burtard, Public Relations Officer for Ute Water Conservancy District for additional information on the Jerry Creek Reservoir Expansion Project and or the temporary reopening of the reservoirs.

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