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**First Farmers Screen™ installed in Colorado will be used to support municipal drinking water**

**Grand Junction, CO** – The City of Grand Junction recently completed installation of a Farmers Screen on Kannah Creek. The screen will support the management of debris and sediment, as well as ensure the safe passage of Colorado Cutthroat, Rainbow, and Brook trout, as water is diverted for reservoir storage that supports the municipal water supply. The Farmers Screen’s minimal maintenance requirements and ability to handle sediment and debris loads made the screen a good fit for the conditions within the Gunnison River Basin; this screen will handle 12 cubic feet of water per second (cfs). Prior to this installation, the diversion on Kannah Creek was a vertical screen at the headgate that required daily cleaning.

“In the past, during spring runoff our Water Supply Supervisor had to rake the screen two or three times per day or it would block with pine needles and spill through an overflow. He was very excited to tell me that this was not the case this spring and that the Farmers Screen has made his life so much easier,” said John Eklund, City of Grand Junction Project Engineer.

The installation of this Farmers Screen, the 44<sup>th</sup> to date, marks the first installation in the state of Colorado and the second screen installed to support a municipal water system. “The fact that it’s being used for the city’s drinking water makes this project unique. Overall the site itself had ideal conditions for the design of the Farmers Screen, and was an exciting project to work on with the City of Grand Junction,” said Dan Kleinsmith, Farmers Screen Project Manager for Farmers Conservation Alliance.

The Farmers Screen is a horizontal, flat-plate fish and debris screen that was invented in Hood River, Oregon, by the Farmers Irrigation District, and is sold exclusively by Farmers Conservation Alliance. Unlike conventional fish screens, the Farmers Screen’s patented technology has no moving parts and requires no electricity for operation. The design instead utilizes the flow of the diverted water itself to sweep sediment, debris, and fish across the screen surface and back to the river via a bypass channel. Farmers Screen is also the only fish screen that has received approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The screens have been installed throughout the western United States, including Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

About Farmers Conservation Alliance

Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA®) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Hood River, Oregon, and is the sole supplier for the Farmers Screen. Focused on pioneering irrigation modernization strategies that achieve conservation benefits and agricultural resilience, FCA partners with farmers and irrigators throughout the west to install fish screens and develop customized approaches for broad-scale irrigation modernization. Learn more about our work at [fcasolutions.org](http://fcasolutions.org)

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