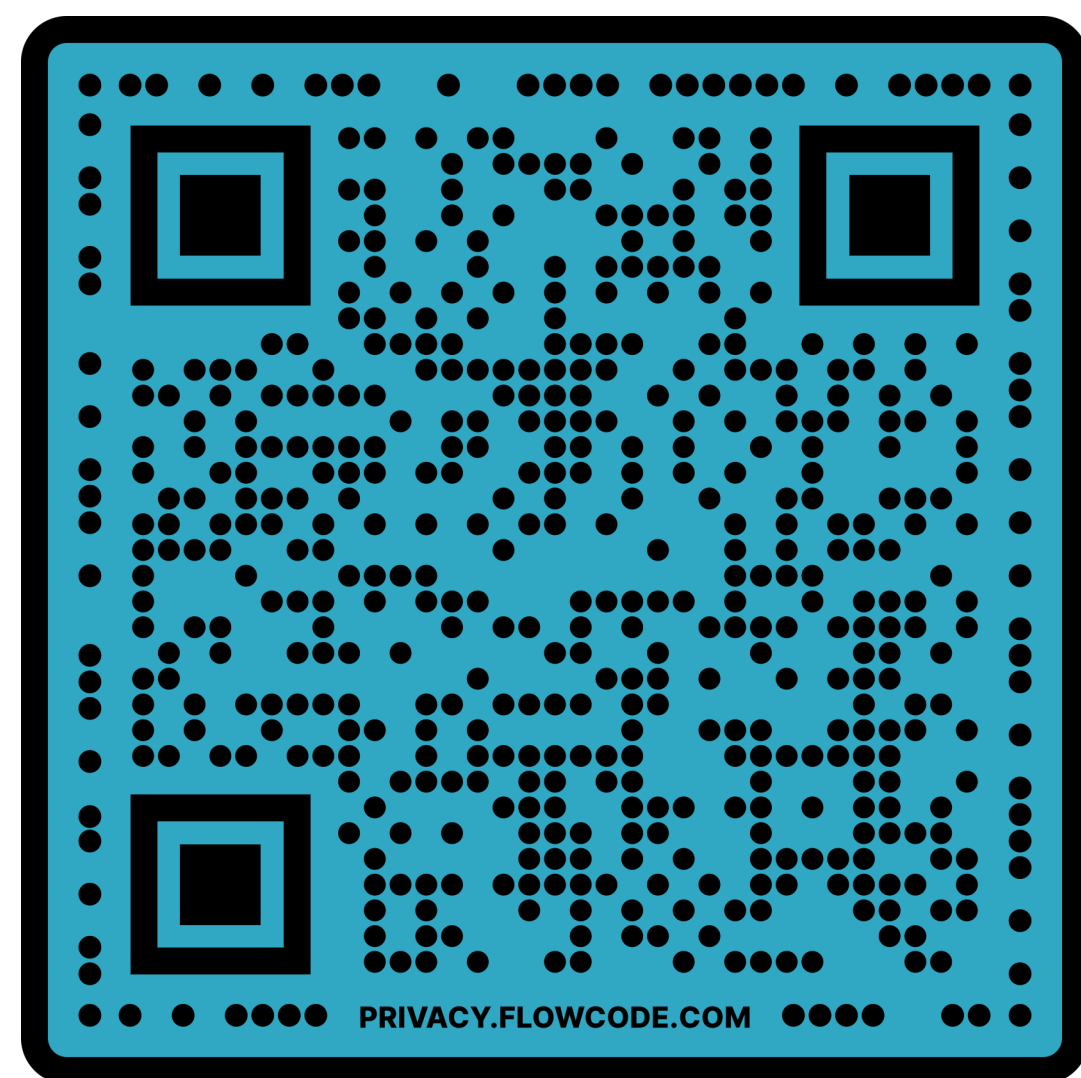


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POUDRE RUNS THROUGH IT STUDY/ACTION WORK GROUP

Thornton is a member of the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group, which is comprised of citizen experts representing a diversity of interests who were selected to study the Poudre River and formulate cooperative actions based on what they learn. This invitation-only group has been meeting since October 2012, continuing to build relationships and to put in action the initiatives “to make the Poudre River the world’s best example of a working river that’s also healthy.”

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POUDRE FLOWS PROJECT

This groundbreaking project on the Cache la Poudre River seeks to restore flow to one of Colorado’s hardest working rivers. The Poudre Flows Project will use a Streamflow Augmentation Plan to restore water to the Poudre River. Water users have relied on augmentation plans for decades to pool their water resources in times of shortage, or to address growth in water-short areas. While augmentation plans usually replace water taken out of the river, this plan uses the same model to keep water in the river. The Poudre Flows Project brings together water users and water rights owners along the river, including municipalities, water conservancy districts, and agricultural producers to strategically pool their water right to restore river flows in times of low flow.

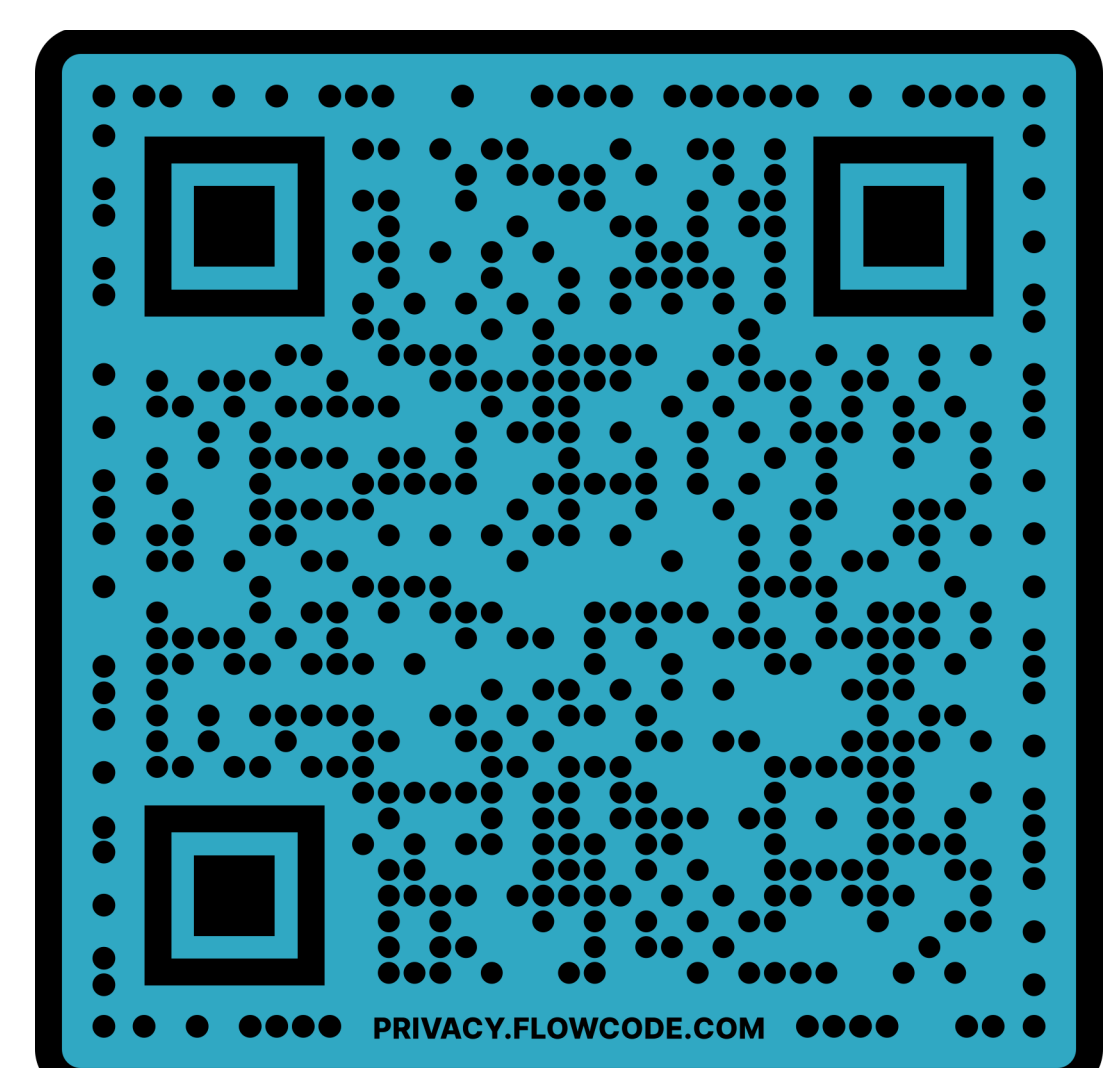
BACKGROUND

In 2012, the Colorado Water Trust was invited by Colorado State University/Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Group to join local stakeholders to create a solution that would address the seven locations on the Poudre River that dry up each summer.

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POUDRE WATERSHED PROTECTION

Source Water Protection Plan for the Upper Poudre River - Thornton is partnering with Northern Water, Soldier Canyon Water Authority and the cities of Fort Collins and Greeley to develop an Upper Poudre River Source Water Protection Plan. The Plan will identify projects and best practices to minimize risk of water quality degradation in the upper watershed.

The Upper Cache la Poudre Water Quality Monitoring Memorandum of Understanding is a collaborative agreement between the cities of Fort Collins, Greeley, Thornton and the Soldier Canyon Water Treatment Authority that provides for the parties to collaboratively monitor water quality in the Upper Cache la Poudre Basin.

Cameron Peak Fire Recovery - The 2020 Cameron Peak Fire burned over 200,000 acres in the Cache la Poudre watershed. Thornton contributed funding to studies to characterize the water quality threats from ash-associated inputs to reservoirs and streams across the watershed following the fire. These studies were used to identify and select wildfire remediation projects in the watershed.

