The plat and field notes of the corrective dependent resurvey, dependent resurvey and survey in Township 11 North, Range 88 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 4, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 14 South, Range 88 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 4, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 35 North, Range 8 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 10, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 1 South, Range 76 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 13, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 1 South, Range 77 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 13, 2011.

The plat incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 42 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on September 22, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Fractional Township 2 South, Range 1 East, Ute Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 13, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 26 South, Range 71 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 28, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 11 North, Range 89 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 28, 2011.

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Environmental Policy Act, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Western Area Power Administration (Western), and the Board of County Commissioners, Grand County, Colorado (Grand County) helped prepare the EIS as cooperating agencies. Each agency has separate decision-making processes. Reclamation has the lead role because of its permitting authority in allowing the Subdistrict to use federal infrastructure. The Corps is involved due to the requirement for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit. Western is involved due to an electric power line that would be affected by the project, while Grand County is involved because of its stated position on permitting authority under Colorado’s 1041 regulations for matters of State interest.

If selected in the Record of Decision, implementing the Preferred Alternative will require the following federal actions:

1. Reclamation would need to issue the Subdistrict a permit for the proposed connection to C-BT Project facilities and amend the existing Windy Gap Project excess capacity water contract, or provide a new contract.
2. The Corps would need to issue the Subdistrict a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit for fill to be placed in waters of the United States for dam construction and address any project impacts to waters of the United States and jurisdictional wetlands.
3. Western would need to relocate a segment of power line that would otherwise be inundated by Chimney Hollow Reservoir. Relocation of the power line including road access would require Western to obtain a right-of-way across private and county lands.

Five alternatives presented in the Draft EIS were brought forward into the Final EIS. The five alternatives evaluated in the EIS include:

- **Alternative 1 (No Action)**—Continuation of existing operations and agreements between Reclamation and the Subdistrict for conveyance of Windy Gap water through C-BT facilities.
- **Alternative 2 (Preferred Alternative)—Chimney Hollow Reservoir (90,000 AF) with pre-positioning.
- **Alternative 3**—Chimney Hollow Reservoir (70,000 AF) and Jasper East Reservoir (20,000 AF).
- **Alternative 4**—Chimney Hollow Reservoir (70,000 AF) and Rockwell/Mueller Creek Reservoir (20,000 AF).
- **Alternative 5**—Dry Creek Reservoir (60,000 AF) and Rockwell/Mueller Creek Reservoir (30,000 AF).

All action alternatives include development of 90,000 AF of new storage either in a single reservoir on the east slope or a combination of east and west slope reservoirs. All of the action alternatives require a connection to C-BT facilities. Alternative 2 is the Subdistrict’s Proposed Action and Reclamation’s Preferred Alternative.

Reclamation expects to complete the National Environmental Policy Act process with a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after the Final EIS is made available to the public. The Record of Decision will document Reclamation’s selection of an alternative for the Windy Gap Firming Project and discuss the factors, including C-BT water rights, considered in making that decision. If the selected alternative includes issuing a water contract, Reclamation intends to determine whether the proposed contract complies with Senate Document 80 and other applicable authorities before execution of the proposed contract.

Public Comments: Copies of the Draft EIS were distributed to Members of Congress; Native American Tribal governments; Federal, State, and local officials; and organizations and individuals interested in or affected by the proposed project. A Notice of Availability announcing the release of the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on August 29, 2008 (73 FR 50999). The public comment period was open from August 29, 2008, through December 29, 2008. Two public hearings were held: one on October 7, 2008, in Loveland, Colorado, and one on October 9, 2008, in Granby, Colorado. Reclamation considered all comments received during the comment period, and the Final EIS contains revisions and new information based in part on these comments. The comments and Reclamation’s responses to these comments are included in the Final EIS.

Locations in Colorado Where Hard Copies and Electronic Copies of the Final EIS May Be Reviewed:

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- Broombfield, Mamie Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road
- Ft. Collins, Ft. Collins Public Library, 201 Peterson Street
- Ft. Collins, Morgan Library, Colorado State University, 501 University Avenue
- Ft. Lupton, Ft. Lupton Public Library, 425 South Denver Avenue
- Granby, Granby Branch Library, 13 East Jasper Avenue
- Grand Lake, Juniper Library, 316 Garfield Street
- Greeley, Centennial Park Branch, Weld County District, 2227 23rd Avenue
- Greeley, Farr Branch, Weld County District, 1930 61st Avenue
- Greeley, Lincoln Park Branch, Weld County District, 919 7th Street
- Hot Sulphur Springs, Hot Sulphur Springs Branch Library, 105 Moffat Kremmling, Kremmling Branch Library, 300 South 8th Street
- Littleton, Corps of Engineers, 9307 South Wadsworth Blvd.
- Longmont, Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Avenue
- Louisville, Louisville Public Library, 950 Spruce Street
- Loveland, Bureau of Reclamation, 11056 W. County Rd. 18E
- Loveland, Loveland Public Library, 300 North Adams Avenue
- Lyons, Lyons Depot Library, 5th and Broadway

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