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northern Colorado is a great place to

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live and people are here and they they

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want to have families people moving into

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the area the quality of life is great

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and the reasons they move to Colorado

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are some of the reasons why we want to

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keep Aggie in production to maintain

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that rural feel that open space at

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wildlife habitat the legacy

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this water secure program is a way to

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meet water demands but also to avoid the

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challenges of what happens to an economy

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when the AG is dried up a traditional

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way to secure water for our cities was

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to buy shares in different irrigating

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companies and drive the land but this is

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a new approach out-of-the-box thinking

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to keep the farmland in production but

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also provide water for the minimal

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interest so this uses two reservoirs the

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Glade reservoir north of the Collins

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Glade is filled using a water right on

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the cooter and then a smaller reservoir

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called Galton rose for guilt is filled

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using water right on the South Platte

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this participants in northern water

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working with the Larimer well the

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irrigation company and the occasional

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cooter irrigating company these two

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particular ditch systems have senior

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water rights on the puter as Delta water

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is stored and it can be made available

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to the ditch companies as a substitute

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supply and in exchange a like amount is

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not diverted at their cruder it gates

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that amount of water is then exchanged

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to the end

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the clay reservoir what we are proposing

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it would actually allow them to stay in

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business and in production over the long

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term so you provide additional water

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into their systems which gives them

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water security we're also proposing

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monetary compensation we would also

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propose some improvements to their dish

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system our approach only works if farm

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stain production so we're actually in

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the process of purchasing farms as

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they're available on the market from

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willing sellers this is not a buy and

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ride approach this is actually more like

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a buying supply approach and continue to

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supply that land with water so that the

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exchange is operable and our municipal

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partners receive the water they need as

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well and we provide an alternative to

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someone who wants to sell but not dry up

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their farm we're definitely exploring

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various options to make sure these farms

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team production conservation Eastman or

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a covenant of some type that would

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require water to stay on the ground for

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those farms to stay in production and

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then sell that farm to a private owner

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who wants to continue to farm another

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approach would be to work with the

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existing landowners and farmers who want

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to continue farming and paid them to

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keep them from selling their water to

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somebody else our intent is not to own

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farms long term our intent is to return

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those back to private ownership

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missed participants that are funding

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this project are communities that are

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intimately tied to some of the

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agriculture that we're trying to protect

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so we think that our approach is

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actually a way to keep those local

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economies vibrant and it's critical to

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continue that and to preserve the way of

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life that we have here in Northern

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Colorado

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