Water Facts

Four major rivers – the Colorado, Platte, Arkansas and Rio Grande – originate in Colorado.

> The water from the Colorado-Big Thompson Project originates in the headwaters of the Colorado River.

Grand Lake is the largest natural lake in Colorado.

On average in Northern Colorado, each person uses 160 gallons of water daily (inside and outside the house). Blue Mesa Reservoir near Gunnison is the largest water body in Colorado; until it was built, Lake Granby held that title.

An estimated 80 percent of Colorado's

water supply originates as snowpack.

If Horsetooth Reservoir was filled with soda pop instead of water, it would take 548 billion 12-ounce cans.





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Colorado-Big Thompson Water Game

Before beginning this at-home version of the Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) Project board game, gather a few materials at home: • Dice

- DICE
- 4 player pieces

Identify 4 players to represent C-BT Project water users.

- Ag Farms. Grow our food and animals. That's why they want water.
- Cities Homes, showers, cooking. Also parks and pools in summer.
- Industry Owns factories and businesses. They are rich. Cool machines, make pop or beer.
- Recreation Water for fun. Snow ski, water ski, jet ski, fish, swim, sail, scuba dive.

Players each take turns rolling the dice to advance spaces on the board game. Move by the dots.

- Red dots = trouble. Maintenance of system needs. Move back 2 spaces.
- Purple Hex = slide through the tunnel to the east end.
- Star in tunnel middle = extra spin.
- Yellow bolt/dots = make power. Move ahead 2 spaces.
- Watch the legend at the bottom for key spins and game details!

The game is over when one player gets all the water! But in reality, the Colorado-Big Thompson Project divides the water fairly based on water contracts that all users own. Overall, the Colorado-Big Thompson reservoirs serve as piggy banks to store water for use during dry years.

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