

Munroe Gravity Canal (aka North Poudre Supply Canal) and Effects from the High Park Fire

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Munroe Canal was completed in 1952 and has been operating since 1953. Water is diverted out of the Poudre River and flows through 2 tunnels and a siphon before entering into an open canal NW of Ted's place as part of the Colorado Big Thompson project and is a very important piece of the agricultural water delivery. Following the fire, debris and sediment moved down the mountain from the south side and filled/blocked the first tunnel. A small skid steer had to be used to scoop a bucket at a time and loaded into a crane with bucket attachment to be hauled off by trucks. To mitigate risk of further damage, a rock reinforced berm was installed to divert flow. The site was not reseeded, but revegetated with a variety of native grasses, forbs and woody vegetation. Cheatgrass and thistle establishment have been an issue.