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Welcome

Welcome to the Murray Ditch Company

Mission Statement

The Murray Ditch Company, a 501(C)(12) tax exempt organization, strives to ensure efficient water use for its owners and members from the diverted water channel located on the South Arkansas river in Poncha Springs, Colorado. Serving 67 owners and members, as well as 440 acres of mixed use agricultural and livestock land, the Murray Ditch Company: ensures the preservation and proper use of the historic 1882 acequias through the daily operation of the ditch during the annual water season; monitors the ditch for efficient water flow and use; maintains the ditch through frequent ditch cleanings, bank restoration, and fire suppression breaks by weed and willow control on the easements; and provides continued water flow during the peak heat of the summer which provides benefit to surrounding wildlife and livestock.

Geographic Area

The headgate of the ditch is located on the South Arkansas River in Poncha Springs Colorado (Chaffee County), with the Parshall Flume and main channel running east through a conservation land easement (89 acres) up to Poncha Springs Lane. The ditch continues past this point and makes its way towards CR-120 traveling northeast, and is approximately 8 miles in total length including all of its laterals. The ditch is owned by 67 owners and members, all in Chaffee County, and services over 440 acres of mixed use agricultural and livestock land.

History

Date	Summary
04/12/1972	Court Decree for .5CFS for seepage arising in the Murray Ditch. Case Number W-455
03/10/1972	Ruling of Referee for .5CFS for seepage into the Murray Ditch Case Number W-455
03/13/1939	Certificate of Copy, Chaffee County for Murray Ditch at 12.571CFS
10/28/1902	Court Decree #1735 to establish Murray Ditch Priority of Twelve and Twenty Thirty-Fifths (12 20/35) or 12.571CFS, with a priority date of April 16, 1882

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RIGHT TO RANCH

In February 2014 the Chaffee County Commissioners adopted a new Land Use Code which includes

Article 3, "Right to Ranch".

This Article contains important information for all land-owners in rural Chaffee County regarding rights, responsibilities and obligations relating to agricultural activities and owning land in Chaffee County. It contains information about the importance of the County's agricultural operations and activities and provides a forum for dispute resolution.

Right to Ranch Brochure

Right to Ranch Conflict Resolution - Chaffee County

Good Neighbor Brochure - Envision Chaffee County



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