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Media Advisory

Girl Scout Troops work with Arapahoe County and Centennial officials to educate the public about water quality impacts

CENTENNIAL, CO --- This summer has been a wet one – do you know where the runoff from the storm goes? Many residents are unaware that stormwater runoff is not treated at a wastewater plant before it enters our many drainageways and creeks.

In a joint effort to educate the public, Mile Hi Girl Scout Troops 1438 and 909 will work with Arapahoe County and the City of Centennial to improve the water quality in the Cherry Creek basin. The Girl Scouts have volunteered to label and stencil approximately 30 inlets and distribute informational door hangers. The inlet decals warn of “no dumping” into the storm drains near an unincorporated Arapahoe County residential area and a commercial business area in Centennial.

The colorful decals remind people not to dump waste into the inlets and to protect Cherry Creek from pollution that may kill fish, harm the riparian vegetation and impact our vital wildlife corridors. Wastes can be everyday, by-products of household chores, such as oil and grease spills from a car repair project, dog wastes on the lawn, fertilizer and pesticides, as well as car washing detergents.

When: Saturday August 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Where: South Creek residential development in unincorporated Arapahoe County and the Cherry Creek Business Park in Centennial.

Directions: E-470, exit at Jordan Rd, head north to Otero Avenue. At Otero Avenue, turn right (east) into the South Creek development.

What: Storm Drain Inlet Marking Project in a residential area. Arapahoe County and the City of Centennial will work in conjunction with the Girl Scouts to place decals on storm inlets. This area drains directly to Cherry Creek and the Cherry Creek Reservoir. In an effort to educate this community, some of the girls will go door to door to distribute door hangers on garage door handles.
