Dear Steve,

I understand the position of Denver water completely and understand the water rights issue, although the canal has been operating for 125 years now and the landscape growth near and around have been supported by it. The Highline Meadows pond and creek may not be a direct customer that has a valve that you folks open to let water in, but its birth was due to the Highline Canal.

During the last 125 Years the Highline canal water has seeped into the ground and created this pond and creek and is also part of the 100 year flood plan. The pond and creek would not be here at Highline meadows, without the Highline Canal and the water that runs, as well as, all the beautiful trees that occupy the Canal. Please look at the attached 1957 Topographic map that clearly shows that the Highline Canal created the Creek and pond in our community well before we built it in 1970.

For three years back in 2017, when the Waterton canyon project was going, the Highline Canal never ran any water. This in turn was very bad for the trees and ground water as well.

I believe that this a good story and is worth getting the locals news involved. I just don't understand how Denver Water can just turn off the water down the Highline Canal and walk away after 125 years. Right now, we are in damage control and your Highline Canal is out of control, as beautiful trees are being starved of this water. The Highline Canal created the pond and creek and provided water for all the trees that occupy it, to let it all die does not make any sense.

Denver water owns the Highline Canal and should be responsible for not only maintaining it, and its trees, but also the landscape that was created because of it. Our pond and creek is directly linked underground to the Highline Canal.

Thanks,

Resident Highline Meadows Centennial, Colorado 80122 "Be a Highline Hero"