Learn what the Colorado River District is doing to advocate for users in crucial headwaters communities as headlines focus on low water levels.

Adapting small acreage gardening methods to incorporate soil health principles for your specific situation, including examples of what we have saving practices, safer livestock handling techniques, companion crops, cover crops, and regenerative soil health techniques.

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Grazing is one of the six principles of soil health - when managed correctly! This is a breakout of Philip’s experience grazing annual covercrops, as well as established perennial pastures, particularly in the wintertime when most farmers and ranchers are feeding hay to their cattle. The benefits of a good grazing program in substitution for feeding hay all winter are numerous, not just for the cattle, but also for the soil!

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From heritage grains, cover crops, and barley as a cash crop, Colorado-grown grains offer unique opportunities for enhancing soil health, reducing water use, and diversifying economic outlets. This session explores economic and environmental opportunities within Colorado’s “grain chain,” from developing for rangeland recovery.

We will discuss how you can observe and evaluate ecosystem processes to make decisions that are in line with your financial situation, quality of life and available tools as you manage for healthy soil. Participants will leave with new ideas about improving soil health while honoring their desire to create happy people and be financially sustainable.