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Drilling at Horsetooth Dam

Ft. Collins, CO -- The Bureau of Reclamation's on-going Safety of Dams Program announced today that it has begun drilling at Horsetooth Dam to install state-of-the-art monitoring equipment.

Drilling activity at Horsetooth Dam will be minor. The preliminary drilling is 20 feet deep, just deep enough to insert steel casings. The casings are the first step for installing the new equipment.

"This is a procedure we have had on the schedule for several months," said Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Manager, Jack Garner. "This drilling is in no way related to the recent flooding in Ft. Collins."

The new monitoring equipment is part of a technology upgrade for the dam. "Monitoring equipment is always in place at all of the dams," said Eric Wilkinson, General Manager for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. "Basically, Horsetooth is just receiving new equipment."

Carter Lake dams No. 2 and No. 3 will be undergoing the same Safety of Dams process later this fall, or early next spring.