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## **Area water providers lift water restrictions Friday**

The water providers in the Steamboat Springs area – the city of Steamboat Springs, Mount Werner Water District, Steamboat II Metro District and Tree Haus Metro District – announced Friday they are lifting the mandatory water restrictions enacted April 14.

Fish Creek Reservoir is currently at 80 percent capacity, which is a level consistent for this time of year. The reservoir storage curve typically begins to flatten at this time of year as the discharge rate is reduced.

Summer water usage data indicates that, under Mandatory Stage 2 Water Restrictions, the Steamboat community continued to reduce its daily water use through the summer months. This is significant as stream flows in the Yampa and Fish Creek dropped lower this summer than they did last summer.

“We want to thank residents and businesses for their compliance, which allowed us to reduce water consumption by 15 percent,” said Jon Snyder, water distribution manager for the city, in a news release. “That represents over 200 acre-feet of water.”

The results indicate the community is meeting the long-term goal of the Water Conservation Plan adopted in 2011 to reduce per capita water usage 5 percent by 2015, 10 percent by 2025 and 15 percent by 2035.

“Encouraging irrigation and landscaping efficiencies is one of the means by which we can achieve these reduction targets,” said Frank Alfone, Mount Werner Water District general manager. “With the lifting of Stage 2 water restrictions, we are asking residents to continue considering how they are using water both inside, as well as outside their homes.”

Rebates for water-efficient replacement toilets, dishwashers and clothes washers are still available for Mount Werner water customers by calling 970- 879-2424 or for city customers at 970-879-2060.

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