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**A very brief history of**

# **ELECTRA LAKE**

**Durango, CO**

## **HISTORY**

Electra Lake is located 25 miles north of Durango, CO. It is an off stream reservoir serving as the primary water storage facility for the Tacoma Project's power generation. Water from Cascade Creek, Little Cascade Creek and Elbert Creek are diverted through four dams to fill Electra Lake.

The original dam, a 400-foot rock and timber crib with a wood face, was constructed from 1905-06. It was rebuilt using modern construction methods in 1980. Electra Lake is owned and operated by Xcel Energy. Recreation is managed by the Electra Sporting Club.



## **ELECTRA SPORTING CLUB<sup>1</sup>**

In 1909 a small group of foresighted, nature loving, sports-minded outdoorsmen of Durango and Silverton recognized the recreational possibilities of the new four-mile lake. The original Articles of Incorporation were signed February 21, 1910 by A. Rex Mollet, Rowe N. Pingrey, and Ben B. Russell. Their hard work and vision, along with other club founders set the stage for more than 100 years of respectful stewardship and recreation management by the Electra Sporting Club – a legacy that continues to this day.

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<sup>1</sup> Much of the historical information about the Electra Sporting Club is taken from the book, "The History of Electra Sporting Club 1910-194" by James M. Noland and Robert L. Beers.