

Stop the Attack on Arizona's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for nearly 1 out of every 2 Arizonans. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including 3.25 million Arizonans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 56% of Arizona's streams and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

Stream flowing through Aravaipa Canyon, AZ



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- **48% of Arizonans – nearly 1 out of 2 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **6,381 miles of streams** that feed into Arizona's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 79% of the stream miles in AZ's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Arizona's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.3 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Arizona, including \$755 million on fishing, and more than 2.1 million people participated in these recreational activities in Arizona.
- **Arizona's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Arizona breweries contribute almost \$665 million to our economy every year and support more than 9,000 jobs.

Arizona Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 11,000 Arizonans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Arizona joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 the Arizona Game and Fish Department opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.
- Fishing and sportsmen groups like the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited and the Arizona Wildlife Federation support protections for clean water.

For more information, please visit protectcleanwater.org.