

Stop the Attack on Colorado'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 more than 2 in every 3 Coloradans. **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 more than 3.8 million in Colorado.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 68% of Colorado's stream miles 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.

Cherry Creek Reservoir – CO State Parks



- **70% of Coloradans – more than 2 out of 3 residents -** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **10,000 miles of streams** that feed into Colorado's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 62% of the stream miles in Colorado'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, wildlife and Colorado's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$3 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Colorado, including \$649 million on fishing, and more than 2.3 million people participated in these recreational activities throughout the state.
- **Colorado's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Colorado breweries contribute almost \$1.6 billion to our economy every year and support more than 19,200 jobs.

Colorado Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Over 33,400 Coloradoans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule in 2014.**
- Several conservation, environmental, faith-based and union organizations, representing thousands of Coloradans.
- **43 Colorado elected officials signed a letter in support of the rule.**

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