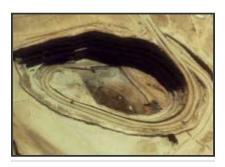
Activists battle proposed Cactus Hill water facility to be sited next to open-pit uranium mine « Colorado Independent

Two northern Colorado environmental groups are banding together to raise funds this Friday to fight water storage projects in the Poudre River drainage and in-situ uranium mining northeast of Fort Collins.

<u>Save the Poudre</u> is joining with Coloradans Against Resource Destruction (CARD) to raise cash in Fort Collins Friday under the banner project called "Protect Our Water" or POW.



An open pit uranium mine.

"Fort Collins is in the crosshairs of potential environmental and economic destruction," Save the Poudre's Gary Wockner said in a release. "These two groups are uniting to raise money to protect northern Colorado's quality of life."

Wockner says one of the factors that brought the two groups together is the planned Cactus Hill Reservoir northeast of Fort Collins, which proposes to store drinking water next to in-situ leach and open-pit uranium mines.

Save the Poudre is battling the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) and the Million Pipeline in its efforts to preserve the Cache la Poudre River. Coloradans Against Resource Destruction is fighting a proposed uranium mine near Nunn.

The fundraiser runs from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins. Tickets are \$20 and include two bands: the Poudre River Irregulars and Futaba. For more information or to register, go to the <u>Save the Poudre website</u>.

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