Army Corps seeks input on Glade Reservoir environmental impact statement

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking input on its environmental impact statement, released last week for two proposed reservoirs.

The Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District is joining with 15 municipalities and water districts to complete the Northern Integrated Supply Project, an effort that would supply more water to the growing Northern Front Range and eastern plains communities.

If the project is approved, Northern Colorado will have two new reservoirs — the 180,000-acre-foot Glade Reservoir northwest of Fort Collins near Ted’s Place, and the 40,000-acre-foot Galeton Reservoir east of Ault. The $400 million project would supply about 40,000 acre-feet of water to customers each year.

An acre-foot of water is generally enough to supply two households for a year.

The environmental impact statement details possible environmental impacts, such as water and air quality, riparian effects, socioeconomic factors and other impacts for Glade and Galeton reservoirs, as well as alternatives for the project.

Officials plan to open Glade Reservoir by 2014 and Galeton by 2020.
