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Poudre not on top 10 endangered list this year

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The Poudre River is not listed as one of the nation's top 10 most endangered rivers this year, according to the environmental group American Rivers.

In its 2009 list, released Wednesday, no Colorado rivers are listed as among the most endangered. The most threatened river is the Sacramento-San Joaquin river system in California. The Lower Snake and Flathead rivers in the Pacific Northwest are the only other endangered rivers west of the Mississippi.

Last year, the Poudre was listed as the No. 3 most endangered river in the U.S.

Gary Wockner, a spokesman for the Save the Poudre Coalition, said the river is still threatened — American Rivers simply chooses different ones to highlight each year.

The proponents of Glade Reservoir are still moving ahead, he noted.

"The nature of the threat hasn't changed at all," he said.

American Rivers revisited the 2008 list and explained that many once-threatened rivers have seen improvement.

When the Poudre made the list last year, the state's only Wild and Scenic river was "critically threatened" by the proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project and Glade Reservoir, the rivers group said.

"Proposed to fuel future development in this arid landscape, NISP/Glade has now come to a virtual standstill," the group said, noting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was among thousands of individuals and agencies to criticize the project's environmental impact assessment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a supplemental environmental study, which could take up to two years.

"The threat is still there. The (Northern Colorado Water Conservancy) District is still spending vast amounts of money. The ciites are still participating, and nothing has changed for the Poudre River except a longer delay and more public scrutiny," Wockner said.

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