



Save the Poudre promotes balanced solution

Last Sunday, the Coloradoan printed an editorial about water supply and river protection challenges in Northern Colorado. We'd like to thank the Coloradoan for dipping into this important issue.

The editorial inferred that Save the Poudre's position is to 'count on conservation alone.' We don't think conservation can provide enough water by itself. The editorial said that there are two sides that 'refuse to meet in the middle.' Again, this might be a nuance of words, but we believe we have created a middle-ground balanced path forward.

Save the Poudre supports a balanced approach — what we call the “Healthy Rivers Alternative” — that supplies cities with water using water conservation, water recycling and reuse, better growth management, and cooperative relationships with farmers. “Balance” and “compromise” are desperately needed to forge a path forward. Specifically, the Poudre River is already severely unbalanced and compromised — on average, 60 percent of its water is drained out before the river reaches downtown Fort Collins. Further, if the proposed projects get built (especially NISP), the Poudre will be turned into a muddy stinking ditch through Fort Collins. Any path forward must

put more water back into the river, not take more water out, in order to achieve balance and compromise.

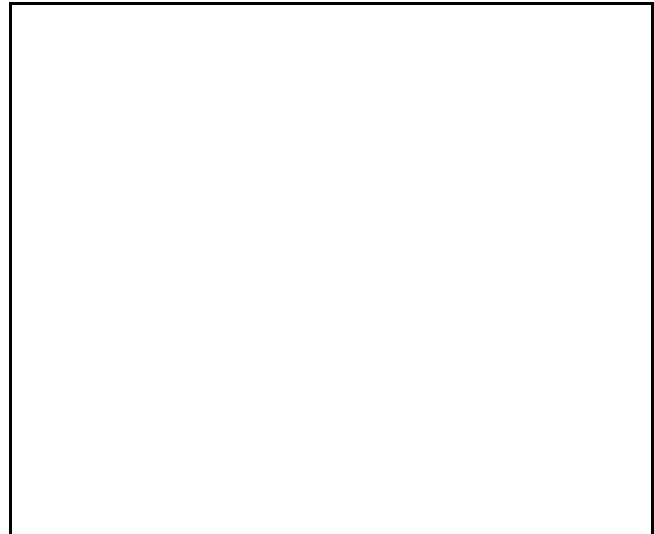
Thanks again to the Coloradoan for covering these important river protection stories over the past several years. Since all of the projects are stalled in unending and expensive permitting processes, we likely have many years ahead of reading about the Poudre in the Coloradoan.

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