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Northern Water Conservancy District says it won't need a permit to build Cactus Hill Reservoir right beside in-situ leach and open pit uranium mines

Although uranium mine pollution could flow into reservoir, project manager says: "...could be done without a permit." -- Carl Brouwer, NISP project manager, Northern Water Conservancy District

Fort Collins, CO -- In an article in the *Fort Morgan Times* on Friday, Feb. 13th, Northern Water Conservancy District lays out their plans for what they will do when the NISP/Glade project permit is denied by the Army Corps of Engineers. That plan still includes draining and killing the Poudre River, but then building the Cactus Hill Reservoir northeast of Fort Collins within a few hundred yards of the proposed Centennial in-situ leach and open pit uranium mines (see map below).

The article is here: <http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/news/2009/feb/13/nisp-group-push-support-water-project/>

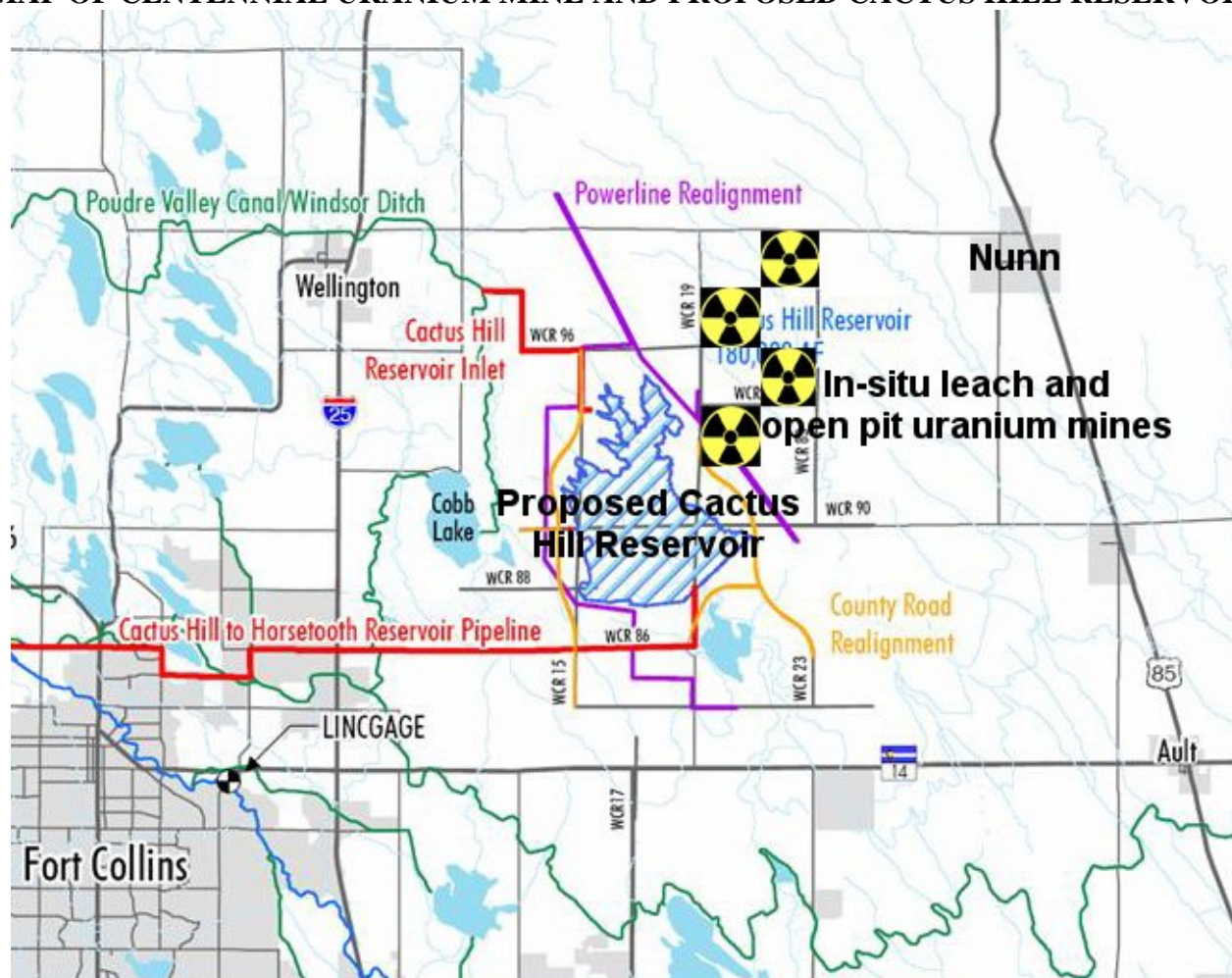
NISP project manager Carl Brouwer explains that Northern Water Conservancy District intends to circumvent the entire permitting process. Quoted from the article: "So there is an option we've looked at that could be done without a permit," Brouwer said.

Working with CARD -- Coloradans Against Resource Destruction, a group trying to stop the proposed Centennial uranium mine in northern Colorado (www.nunnglow.com) -- the Save The Poudre Coalition presents a map containing both the proposed mines and proposed reservoir (below). The northern tip of Cactus Hill Reservoir will be less than a mile downstream from the southern end of the uranium mines.

"Northern Water Conservancy District thinks they can build a massive reservoir beside in-situ leach and open pit uranium mines and they won't need any kind of federal, state, or county permit," said Gary Wockner of the Save The Poudre Coalition. "The health and safety risks associated with such an outrageous proposal are astounding. We believe the citizens of northern Colorado will disagree dramatically with Northern Water."

Last week, the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* and the *Fort Collins Now* both reported that the plans and permitting for the Centennial uranium mine was progressing rapidly. Both in-situ leach and open-pit mining are planned at the Centennial mine less than 10 miles northeast of Fort Collins.

MAP OF CENTENNIAL URANIUM MINE AND PROPOSED CACTUS HILL RESERVOIR



Source: http://www.powertechexposed.com/Map_Cactus_Hill_Reservoir.htm

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The Save The Poudre Coalition is made up of 14 national, state, and regional groups including: National Wildlife Federation, Clean Water Action, Defenders of Wildlife, American Rivers, Western Resource Advocates, Colorado Environmental Coalition, Environment Colorado, Sierra Club – Rocky Mountain Chapter, Fort Collins Audubon Society, Citizen Planners, Wolverine Farm Publishing, Poudre Paddlers, Friends of the Poudre, and the Cache la Poudre River Foundation. Membership in these groups totals over 3 million American citizens.