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State of Colorado Slams NISP DEIS
Scientists continue to give NISP failing grades

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Fort Collins, CO -- A team of scientists from the State of Colorado Water Quality Control Division has weighed in with its official comments on the NISP/Glade Reservoir Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and those comments are extremely critical of the project ([click here to download comments](#)). The State divides its comments into eight areas of serious concern, including: general, drinking water, 303(d) listing, temperature, aquatic life, groundwater, nutrients, and agriculture.

Throughout the stinging 8-page rebuke, the State's comments are covered with dozens of phrases underscoring the complete inadequacy of the DEIS, including:

- "does not adequately quantify"
- "not sufficient"
- "contrary"
- "incorrectly"
- "not addressed"
- "does not address"
- "fails to address"
- "additional evaluation is needed"
- "needs to be investigated"
- "requires additional evaluation"
- "needs to be demonstrated"
- "does not discuss"
- "fails to provide any data to support this conclusion"
- "there is no analysis"
- "appears to contradict"
- "lack of data"
- "report lacks information"
- "inconsistent"
- "references are inadequate"

"NISP cities and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) have been telling us for four years that the DEIS would be a solid scientific document," said Gary Wockner, spokesperson for the Save The Poudre Coalition. "The scientists are weighing in, and NISP cities and NCWCD were wrong."

The State's Water Quality Control Division is the leading agency in Colorado that monitors and regulates water quality in the state's rivers and streams. The State has already placed most of the lower Poudre River on its 303(d) list of "Impaired Waters" due to contamination from E.coli bacteria, selenium, ammonia, and other pollutants presenting public health hazards. Among other issues, the State is very concerned that NISP will exacerbate existing problems. Ultimately the State could issue a failing grade to the NISP project which could continue to undermine its feasibility.

So far, the City of Fort Collins, the City of Greeley, Larimer County, and now the State of Colorado have all issued intense criticisms of the NISP DEIS.

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