

Letter: Documentary depicts dams' impacts on rivers

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With western water policies in the news daily, Save The Poudre is hosting a must-see documentary film called DamNation on Friday at Mishawaka in the Poudre canyon. DamNation combines exquisite cinematography with a compelling story about the history of U.S. dam building and the impacts dams have had upon free running rivers, Indian tribes, salmon and the people who enjoy them. The film includes historic footage of boaters exploring Glen Canyon on the Colorado River prior to the damming that created Lake Powell.

These scenes show ancient rock art and artifacts the archeologists raced to recover/record before the waters covered them forever. The film also shows footage of dams being demolished and how the rivers have recovered, benefitting water quality, wildlife and people.

This film has won awards across the country including the Audience Choice at the SWSX Film Festival in Austin. Film Director Travis Rummel will introduce the film. Doors open at 6 and tickets are on sale at www.themishawaka.org. The film will be preceded by music from our own Michael Kirkpatrick — 2014 Telluride Troubadour of the year, and followed by the band The Big Motif. This film is not to be missed! Contact info@savethepoudre.org for details.

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