

Colorado Water Conservation Board

1313 Sherman Street Room 718

Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Dolores river in-stream flow

Thank you for the opportunity to allow the public to weigh in on this important issue.

The recent toxic mine waste spill into the Animas River puts the importance of a healthy river system in sharp relief.

I urge you to consider the importance of the Dolores River stretch from Uravan to Gateway. Both the Bureau of Land Management and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency have recommended that you approve an appropriation for a minimum in-stream flow designation. The agencies cite the unique biodiversity in the aquatic ecosystem. It hosts three native species: roundtail chub, flannel mouth sucker and bluehead sucker.

Science has proven that biodiversity is the best tool for providing resiliency of ecosystems in the aftermath of natural or man made environmental catastrophe.

Please consider this factor in making your decision.



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