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## Gravel Operation Discharging to the Arkansas River

2 messages

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To: Amy Eschberger - DNR <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>

Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 4:19 PM

Amy, we have a potential issue with a gravel operation discharging into the Arkansas River near Lamar. It seems Prowers Aggregate Operators gravel pit is discharging directly into the Arkansas River and causing increased turbidity downstream for several miles. CPW has concerns regarding fish health. This section of river is critical habitat for state endangered suckermouth minnows. One mile above the operation the river runs clear. Two miles below the gravel operation, the river is the color of chocolate milk.

Can you tell me if they have a discharge permit for discharging directly into the river? Are there stipulations of their gravel mining permit that can address this issue?

I would appreciate a quick response one way or the other. We cannot seem to get CDPHE to respond until mid July. Feel free to give me a call on my cell phone (719-688-9241).

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Amy, I am attaching a few photos for reference. The two clear photos show the river above the gravel operation at Highway 287. The muddy ones are below at Prowers County Road 13.

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