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Group: Cache La Poudre Is A Most Endangered River

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — An organization that advocates healthy rivers has named the scenic Cache la Poudre River in northern Colorado among the 10 most endangered rivers in America.

American Rivers says the river -- a hot spot for fishing, rafting, camping and hiking -- is threatened by a proposal to divert water to serve the fast-growing population on the Front Range.

The Northern Integrated Supply Project proposes new reservoirs and pipelines to provide 40,000 acre-feet of new supplies to about 15 water providers. The Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District says providers need new water supplies to serve a growing population, or they run the risk of shortages or of drying up farmland.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is reviewing the proposal.

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The country's most endangered rivers, according to Washington-based advocacy group American Rivers:

1. Catawba-Wataree River (N.C., S.C.)
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3. Cache la Poudre River (Colo.)
4. St. Lawrence River (N.Y., Canada)
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7. Gila River (N.M., Ariz.)
8. Allagash Wilderness Waterway (Maine)
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