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Group names Cache la Poudre among most endangered rivers

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

American Rivers says the river -- which is 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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