



## *Save The Poudre Coalition Background Information*

The Save The Poudre Coalition formed in 2005 as members of local Larimer County conservation groups started grappling with the threats to the Cache la Poudre River. The Coalition started out with a small number of members/groups, and has now grown to include seven regional, one statewide coalition, and two national groups. These groups have membership totaling hundreds of thousands of people.

Member groups include Poudre Paddlers, Cache la Poudre River Foundation, Friends of the Poudre, Sierra Club Poudre Canyon Group, Fort Collins Audubon Society, Citizen Planners, American Rivers, Defenders of Wildlife, The Bean Cycle and Matter Bookstore, and the Colorado Environmental Coalition.

The Save The Poudre Coalition is committed to positive, balanced solutions for the long-term health of the Poudre River and for the sustainability of our communities. The Coalition believes that what's good for the land, air, water, and wildlife is good for people and good for our economy.

The Coalition currently has two primary activities:

1. Fighting against the NISP/Glade Reservoir.
2. Creating a water trust for the lower Poudre River for instream flow rights that permanently protect the river.

## *Save The Poudre Coalition Contacts*



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