

Priority Watersheds

The Nonpoint Source program aims to restore water quality in waterbody segments impaired by nonpoint source pollution. Impaired segments are identified through the Water Quality Standards Review procedure and, in that process, a list of impaired segments is generated. Subsequently, the NPS program prioritizes the impaired segments for NPS restoration projects: those are the state's priority watersheds. Proposals addressing these watersheds will be awarded five extra points during the proposal evaluation process.

Upper Colorado River

Peru Creek: Peru Creek to the Snake River.

303(d) listed segment: COUCBL07 (metals)

Eagle River: Belden to Lake Creek and some tributaries.

303(d) listed segment: COUCEA06 (sediment)

South Platte River

Boulder Creek: Coal Creek and Gamble Gulch.

303(d) listed segments: COSPBO07b (E. coli), COSPBO04a ((Cu, Zn, pH)

Clear Creek: 303(d) listed segments: COSPCL02, COSPCL03a, COSPCL03b, COSPCL06, COSPCL09a, COSPCL09b, COSPCL11 (metals)

Saint Vrain River: Left Hand Creek.

303(d) listed segment: COSPSV04a (metals and pH)

Upper South Platte: 303(d) listed segment: COSPUS02a (sediment)

Gunnison River Basin

Uncompahgre River: Uncompahgre Valley below Montrose.

303(d) listed segments: COGUUN04b, COGUUN04c (Se)

Upper Gunnison River: Palmetto Gulch.

303(d) listed segment: COGUUG31 (Cd, Zn)

San Juan River

Dolores River: Silver Creek below the Town of Rico.

303(d) listed segment: COSJDO09 (Zn)

Mancos River: Mancos River and tributaries above Hwy 160, near the Town of Mancos.

303(d) listed segment: COSJLP04 (Cu)

Arkansas River Basin

Upper Arkansas R.: California Gulch to Lake Fork, Lake Fork to Lake Creek and Lake Creek to Pueblo Reservoir.

303(d) listed segments: COARUA02b (Cd and Zn), COARUA02c (Zn), COARUA03 (Zn)

Lower Arkansas R.: John Martin Reservoir to the Kansas Stateline.

303(d) listed segment: COARLA01c (Se)

Purgatoire River: I-25 to the Arkansas River (east of the City of Trinidad).

303(d) listed segment: COARLA07 (Se)

Rio Grande

Kerber Creek: Kerber Creek and most tributaries.

303(d) listed segments: CORGCB09a (Ag, Cd, Pb, pH), CORGCB09b (Cd, Cu, Zn)