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(grouped by WQCC regulation basins)
(current on June of 2011)

Note: each impaired segment has been identified according to Regulation № 93 Section 303(d) list of Water Quality-Limited Segments Requiring TMDLs; there is also a short description of the NPS program potential or current contribution to the restoration of the impairment.

Arkansas River Basin

Upper Arkansas R.: NPSMA contribution: there is a watershed restoration plan being developed for this area, with a potential to prioritize restoration projects. The following segments will be incorporated as priorities in the watershed plan. This could potentially result in incremental money supporting restoration work. These segments are the 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.: NPSMA contribution: there are several projects being implemented in this area – a watershed plan, a large source identification and quantification study and model development with the collaboration of Colorado State University and projects in conjunction with the Southeast Conservation District. This segment goes from John Martin Reservoir to the Kansas stateline.

303(d) listed segment: COARLA01c (Se)

Purgatoire River: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects, but there is a need to develop a watershed restoration plan. This segment is from I-25 to the Arkansas River.

303(d) listed segment: COARLA07 (Se)

Gunnison River Basin

Uncompahgre River: NPSMA contribution: currently, there is a 319 restoration project that is starting to address some of the Selenium loading into the Gunnison River. Selenium loading in surface waters is of concern in some areas of the state and the solution will require coordinated efforts and a statewide strategy. These segments include the Uncompahgre Valley below Montrose.

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

Upper Gunnison River: NPSMA contribution: there is a watershed restoration plan being developed for this area, with a potential to prioritize restoration projects. The following segment will be incorporated as priority in the watershed plan. This could potentially result in incremental money supporting restoration work. This segment is the Palmetto Gulch.

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

Rio Grande

Kerber Creek: NPSMA contribution: there is watershed restoration plan for this watershed, but it needs updating. High potential to identify and implement appropriate reclamation activities. These segments include Kerber Creek and almost all tributaries.

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

San Juan River

Dolores River: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects, but there is a need to develop a watershed restoration plan. This segment is in Silver Creek below the town of Rico.

303(d) listed segment: COSJDO09 (Zn)

Mancos River: NPSMA contribution: there is a watershed restoration plan being developed for this area, with a potential to prioritize restoration projects. The following segment will be incorporated as priority in the watershed plan. This could potentially result in incremental money supporting implementation and restoration work. This segment includes the Mancos River and tributaries above Hwy 160.

303(d) listed segment: COSJLP04 (Cu)

South Platte River

Boulder Creek: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects, but there is a need to develop a watershed restoration plan. These segments are Coal Creek Gamble Gulch.

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

Clear Creek: NPSMA contribution: the watershed restoration plan has been developed. High potential to support restoration work.

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

Saint Vrain River: NPSMA contribution: past work with a local entity, need to develop a watershed restoration plan. This could potentially result in incremental money supporting restoration work. This segment is the Left Hand Creek.

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

Upper South Platte: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects; existing watershed restoration plan.

303(d) listed segments: COSPUS02a (sediment)

Upper Colorado River

Peru Creek: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects, but there is a need to develop a watershed restoration plan. This segment is the Peru Creek to the Snake River.

303(d) listed segment: COUCBL07 (metals)

Eagle River: NPSMA contribution: this is an area with potential for restoration projects, but there is a need to develop a watershed restoration plan. This segment is from Belden to Lake Creek and some tributaries.

303(d) listed segment: COUCEA06 (sediment)