

# Corps sets 2nd meeting on water

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is beginning the review process for a request from a Colorado group to move water from the Green River Basin to the Colorado Front Range.

A meeting is scheduled June 9 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Rock Springs East Junior High School Auditorium.

The meeting announcement follows a May 8 letter from the Wyoming congressional delegation asking for additional public meetings in communities most directly affected by the proposal.

The scoping period for submission of comments has also been extended to July 27.

Other June scoping meetings are scheduled in Craig and Grand Junction, Colo.

The proposal calls for the Corps to approve a project submitted by Aaron Million's Regional Watershed Supply Project.

Million first proposed the transbasin water project two years ago.

The plan is to provide approximately 250,000 acre-feet of water per year to meet supply needs of southeastern Wyoming and the Front Range in Colorado.

The water would be moved through a large pipeline between 72 to 120 inches in diameter, extending from two division points in Wyoming to a storage facility at the end of the pipeline near Pueblo, Colo.

It would involve water withdrawal from the Green River and the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, using intake facilities at the two division points.

About 25,000 acre-feet would be moved annually to water users in southeastern Wyoming and the remaining 225,000 acre-feet would be to the South Platte and Arkansas River basins in Colorado.

The project must undergo an Environmental Impact Statement, and the public scoping meetings are the first part of the process.

It must also get authorization from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Forest Service.

Meetings were conducted in April in Green River, Laramie, Vernal, Fort Collins, Denver and Pueblo, Colo.

The meeting in Green River brought many residents out in opposition to the project, including the Sweetwater County Board of Commissioners and the Green River and Rock Springs City Councils.

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