

Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect Wyoming's Drinking Water

The Clean Water Rule was recently finalized by the Obama administration after years of planning, 400 stakeholder meetings, and more than a million public comments. It safeguards our water and restores protections to the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans. This includes the drinking water for nearly one third of all Wyoming residents. **The Clean Water Rule is a strong, commonsense policy that makes clean water a priority throughout the nation.** If Congress blocks the Clean Water Rule, at least 66% of Wyoming's stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands nationwide will again be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Blocking this rule would imperil drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

Gibbon River in Northwestern WY



- **35% of Wyoming residents** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 4,454 miles of streams** that feed into Wyoming's drinking water sources.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are safeguarded.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the rule will provide at least \$339 million and up to \$572 million annually in **benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Wyoming's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.1 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in WY, including \$464 million on fishing, and more than three-quarters of a million people participated in these recreational activities in Wyoming.
- **Wyoming's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Wyoming breweries contribute over \$112 million to our economy every year and support more than 1,200 jobs.

Wyoming Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 700 Wyoming residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans, support the rule.**
- In 2003, the Wyoming Game & Fish Department and the Wyoming Water Development Commission submitted comments opposing Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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