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Corps requests information from proponent of Regional Watershed Supply Project

DENVER, Colo. – Information on potential users and their water needs for the proposed Regional Watershed Supply Project has been officially requested by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps notified Million Conservation Resource Group (MCRG) on July 30, 2009, that user information is needed in 6 months in order for the Corps to develop the government's purpose and need statement for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Corps will use this purpose and need statement to develop alternatives, independently verify user needs, and screen alternatives.

The Corps' Regulatory office in Denver is reviewing a request from MCRG for authorization to construct a 560-mile-long pipeline to move portions of Wyoming's and Colorado's unallocated water from the Green River basin to southeast Wyoming and the Colorado Front Range. Public meetings were held in April and June in Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, to introduce the project proposal to the public, describe the environmental review process, and solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated.

Regulations specify that the Corps should exercise independent judgment in defining the purpose and need of the water supply project from both the proponent's and the public's perspective. In order to define the need, the Corps must understand who the water users are, and verify their specific needs for water. Examples of water users could be cities, irrigation districts, or industries.

Corps officials state that, regardless of positive or negative comments received on the project, this information is typically asked of proponents for project proposals of this magnitude since the impacts related to water resources are presumed to be significant.

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Check for updates on the Regional Watershed Supply Project proposed by Million Conservation Resource Group at <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-tl/eis-info.htm>. (Because this Web site is a secure Army Web site, you may get a "Certificate Error" when first visiting the Web site. It is safe to 'click to continue,' and this will link you to the Corps EIS Web site.)