



the time of first fill of Glade Reservoir (170,000 acre-feet capacity, 300 ft. dam), it is proposed that a combination of the water yielded from the NISP native water rights and up to 20,000 acre-feet of NISP Project Participants' allocated C-BT Project quota water could be used.

If utilized to facilitate first filling in Glade Reservoir, any stored C-BT Project water would likely remain in the reservoir until the first fill of the reservoir is accomplished, and then would be placed to beneficial use by the Project Participants.

If stored during first fill of Glade Reservoir, C-BT Project water placed into storage would be limited to a total of 20,000 acre-feet. Other than to facilitate first filling of Glade Reservoir, C-BT Project water would not be stored in NISP.

4. NISP will provide 40,000 acre-feet annually of firm yield to the 15 project participants. The “no action alternative” (NEPA’s studies’ “no action alternative” is the alternative most likely to be pursued by the project participants if NISP is not constructed), would result in approximately 60,000 acres of irrigated farmland being “dried up” to provide the equivalent water supply that will be provided by NISP.
5. Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plans are required under Colorado Revised Statutes section 37-60-122.2 for water projects requiring a federal permit. Northern Water and the NISP Participants have developed a robust Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan which addresses the direct project impacts on the State’s fish and wildlife resources. The Enhancement Plan contains fish and wildlife related environmental commitments that extend beyond required mitigation to provide enhancements that improve existing environmental conditions. The NISP Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan has been approved by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Water Conservation Board and has been endorsed by the Governor as the official State position.

## Project status

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the National Environmental Policy Act compliance process in August 2004. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued for public comment in April 2008. In February 2009, the Corps announced they would move forward with a Supplemental Draft EIS which was released for public comment in June 2015. The Corps has announced that the Final EIS will be complete and released to the public in late May or June of this year.

NISP has begun the process of securing a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, with the goal of obtaining that certification in mid-2019. The NISP Record of Decision is scheduled to be issued some time in 2019, following the issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification.

## Request

Following Northern Water's update to the River District Board on April 18, 2018, concerning the status of NISP, Northern Water will answer any questions the Board may have, and will request that the River District Board consider endorsing NISP.