

the animas watershed project

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The Animas Watershed Project

is a partnership of agency representatives and individuals from Colorado, New Mexico, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The Animas Watershed Project was formed in December 2002 after river users noticed large quantities of algae in the Animas River. This observation showed that nutrient levels in the river were too high, an indicator of the declining health of the river. A group of stakeholders formed to begin collaboration on increasing the health of the river. These stakeholders have been meeting since 2002 to identify pollutant sources and find ways to keep the Animas River healthy.

Stakeholders include:

- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Land owners
- Environmental Groups
- Water District and Sewage Treatment staff
- Representatives from the mining industry
- Federal agencies
- Representatives from construction companies
- Agency representatives from the cities, counties, and states in the watershed
- Tribal representatives (Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute)
- Local citizens and interest groups
- You!

The Mission

The mission of the Animas Watershed Project is to protect and improve the quality of water resources in the Animas Watershed. Our values inspire us to create a community-based collaborative process involving all stakeholders in which we operate by consensus, use all available data sources, and make informed decisions based on sound science.

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