

# NORTH FORK / SOUTH PLATTE RIVER FOUNDATION

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North Fork of the South Platte River, Colorado

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## Mission Statement

The North Fork/South Platte River Association is a grassroots group of stakeholders who are striving to improve and maintain the management of the river's riparian habitat, channel habitat, water quality, and in-stream flows through the collaboration of local organizations, mine reclamation, and community education. Results of improved management will benefit wildlife, recreationists, and local economies.

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## Foundation Goals

### Water Quality:

- Mine Reclamation
- The North Fork has been on every EPA 303(d) List since the first one in 1992
- The Environmental Protection Agency's 303(d) List is for water quality impaired lakes and rivers
- A Total Maximum Daily Load Assessment (TMDL) was conducted on the North Fork drainage in 2008 and identified dissolved Copper and low Ph as the primary pollutants

### Public Water Development:

- Approximately half of the drainage is on public lands
- Promotion of public water through improved access, parking, picnic areas, interpretive signs, trails, etc
- Revised management promoting wild fish propagation

### Flows:

- Natural Flows provide anywhere from 10-100% of discharge
- Denver Water/Roberts Tunnel often supplements flows and affects water quality positively and negatively
- Improved flow communication and management will greatly improve river ecosystem

### Community Involvement and Education:

- Gain a better understanding of our resource
- community education/programs
- School presentations and education about the North Fork
- Volunteer workshops and restoration efforts

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