

Tier 3 Waters in Areas Where EPA is the NPDES Permitting Authority

States

State of Arizona

Arizona's Tier 3 waters are:

1. The West Fork of the Little Colorado River, from its headwaters at 33°55'02"/109°33'30" to Government Springs at 33°59'33"/109°27'54" (approximately 9.1 river miles);
2. Oak Creek, from its headwaters at 35°01'30"/111°44'12" to its confluence with the Verde River at 34°40'41"/111°56'30" (approximately 50.3 river miles);
3. West Fork of Oak Creek, from its headwaters at 35°02'44"/111°54'48" to its confluence with Oak Creek at 34°59'14"/111°44'46" (approximately 15.8 river miles);
4. Peeples Canyon Creek, from its headwaters at 34°23'57"/113°19'45" to its confluence with the Santa Maria River at 34°20'36"/113°15'12" (approximately 8.1 river miles);
5. Burro Creek, from its headwaters at 34°52'46.5"/113°05'13.5" to its confluence with Boulder Creek at 34°37'4.5"/113°18'36" (approximately 29.5 miles);
6. Francis Creek, from its headwaters at 34°54'38"/113°20'30" to its confluence with Burro Creek at 34°44'29"/113°14'37" (approximately 22.9 river miles);
7. Bonita Creek, from its boundary of the San Carlos Indian Reservation at 33°03'08"/109°33'41" to its confluence with the Gila River at 32°53'36"/109°28'43" (approximately 14.7 river miles);
8. Cienega Creek, from its confluence with Gardner Canyon and Spring Water Canyon at 31°47'38.5"/110°35'21.5" to the USGS gaging station at 32°02'09"/110°40'34" (approximately 28.3 river miles);
9. Aravaipa Creek, from its confluence with Stowe Gulch at 32°52'10"/110°22'03" to the downstream boundary of the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Area at 32°54'23"/110°33'42" (approximately 15.5 river miles);
10. Cave Creek, from its headwaters at 31°50'30"/109°17'04.5" to the Coronado National Forest boundary at 31°54'38"/109°08'40" (approximately 10.4 river miles);
11. South Fork of Cave Creek, from its headwaters at 31°50'20"/109°16'33" to its confluence with Cave Creek at 31°53'04"/109°10'30" (approximately 8.6 river miles);
12. Buehman Canyon Creek, from its headwaters at 32°52'0.5"/110°39'54.5" to its confluence with unnamed tributary at 32°24'31.5"/110°32'08" (approximately 9.8 river miles);
13. Lee Valley Creek, from its headwaters at 33°55'49"/109°31'34" to its confluence with Lee Valley Reservoir at 33°56'28"/109°30'15.5" (approximately 1.6 river miles);
14. Bear Wallow Creek, from its headwaters at 33°35'54"/109°26'54.5" to the boundary of the San Carlos Indian Reservation at 33°37'52"/109°29'44" (approximately 4.25 river miles);
15. North Fork of Bear Wallow Creek, from its headwaters at 33°34'47.5"/109°21'59.5" to its confluence with Bear Wallow Creek at 33°35'54"/109°26'54.5" (approximately 3.8 river miles);

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16. South Fork of Bear Wallow Creek, from its headwaters at 33°34'38.5"/109°23'58" to its confluence with Bear Wallow Creek at 33°35'54"/109°26'54.5" (approximately 3.8 river miles);

17. Snake Creek, from its headwaters at 33°37'21.5"/109°26'11" to its confluence with the Black River at 33°40'31.5"/109°28'58.5" (approximately 6.2 river miles);

18. Hay Creek, from its headwaters at 33°51'00"/109°28'48" to its confluence with the West Fork of the Black River at 33°48'30"/109°25'19" (approximately 5.5 river miles);

19. Stinky Creek, from the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary at 33°52'36.5"/109°29'45" to its confluence with the West Fork of the Black River at 33°51'21.5"/109°27'09.5" (approximately 3.0 river miles);

20. KP Creek, from its headwaters at 33°34'03"/109°21'19" to its confluence with the Blue River at 33°31'44"/109°12'04.5" (approximately 12.7 river miles);

21. Davidson Canyon, from the unnamed spring at 31°59'00"/110°38'46" to its confluence with Cienega Creek; and

22. Fossil Creek, from its headwaters at the confluence of Sandrock and Calf Pen Canyons above Fossil Springs at 34°26'48.7"/111°32'25" to its confluence with the Verde River at 34°18'21.8"/111°40'31.6" (approximately 17.2 river miles).

State of California

Lake Tahoe and Mono Lake.

State of Colorado

Arkansas River Basin, Regulation No 32

Upper Arkansas 1a	All streams, wetlands, lakes and reservoirs within Mount Massive and Collegiate Peaks Wilderness areas.
Fountain Creek 1b	Severy Creek and all tributaries from the source to a point just upstream of where US Forest Service Road 330 crosses the stream
Fountain Creek 3b	Bear Creek , and all tributaries, from the source to a point upstream of GPS coordinates N3847682, W 10454917 (this location is at elevation 8,200 feet above sea level at a 250° angle and 3,000 feet from the trailhead of the Mount Buckhorn Trail off High Drive).

Upper Colorado River Basin, Regulation No 33

Upper Colorado River 1	Mainstem of the Colorado River, including all tributaries ad wetlands, within Rocky Mountain National Park, or which flow into Rocky Mountain National Park.
Upper Colorado River 9	All tributaries to the Colorado and Fraser Rivers, including all wetlands, within the Never Summer, Indian Peaks, Byers, Vasquez, Eagles Nest and Flat Tops Wilderness Areas.
Upper Colorado River 11	All lakes and reservoirs within Rocky Mountain National Park and within the Never Summer, Indian Peaks, Byers, Vasquez, Eagles Nest and Flat Tops Wilderness Areas.

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Blue River 4b	North Fork of the Swan River, including all tributaries and wetlands, from the source to the confluence with the Swan River.
Blue River 16	All tributaries to the Blue River, including all wetlands, within the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Areas.
Blue River 21	All lakes and reservoirs within the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Areas.
Eagle River 1	All tributaries and wetlands to the Eagle River system within the Gore Range - Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness Area.
Eagle River 10b	Abrams Creek, including all tributaries and wetlands, from the source to the eastern boundary of the United States Bureau of Land Management lands.
Eagle River 13	All lakes and reservoirs within the Gore Range - Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness Areas.
Roaring Fork River 11	All lakes and reservoirs within the Maroon Bells/Snowmass, Holy Cross, Raggeds, Collegiate Peaks and Hunter/Fryingpan Wilderness Areas.
North Platte River 1	All tributaries to the North Platte and Encampment Rivers, including all wetlands, within the Mount Zirkel, Never Summer, and Platte River Wilderness Areas.
North Platte River 8	All lakes and reservoirs within the Mount Zirkel, Never Summer, and Platte River Wilderness Areas.
Yampa River 1a	All tributaries to the Yampa River, including all wetlands, which are within the Mount Zirkel, Flat Tops and Sarvis Creek Wilderness Areas.
Yampa River 1b	All lakes and reservoirs which are within the Mount Zirkel, Flat Tops and Sarvis Creek Wilderness Areas.

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San Juan River Basin, Regulation No 34

San Juan River 4	All tributaries to the San Juan River, Rio Blanco, and Navajo River including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Weminuche Wilderness area and South San Juan Wilderness Area.
Piedra River 1	All tributaries to the Piedra River, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Weminuche Wilderness Area.
Los Pinos River 1	All tributaries to the Los Pinos River, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Weminuche Wilderness Area.
Animas and Florida River 1	All tributaries to the Animas River and Florida River, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Weminuche Wilderness Area.
Animas and Florida River 12c	Hermosa Creek, including all tributaries, from the source to immediately below the confluence with Long Hollow, except for the East Fork of Hermosa Creek.
La Plata, Mancos, McElmo, and San Juan in Montezuma County and Dolores County 6c	All tributaries to the Mancos River located in Mesa Verde National Park.
Dolores River 1	All tributaries to the Dolores River and West Dolores River, including all wetlands, tributaries, lakes, and reservoirs, which are within the Lizard Head Wilderness area.

Gunnison Lower Dolores River Basins, Regulation No 35

Upper Gunnison 1	All tributaries to the Gunnison River, including lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands, within the LaGarita and Powderhorn Wilderness Areas.
Upper Gunnison 2	All tributaries to the Gunnison River, including lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands, within the West Elk, Collegiate Peaks, Maroon Bells, Raggeds, and Fossil Ridge Wilderness Areas.
Upper Gunnison 3	All tributaries to the Gunnison River, including lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands, within the Uncompahgre Wilderness Area.
North Fork Gunnison 1	All tributaries to North Fork of the Gunnison River including all lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands within the West Elk and Raggeds Wilderness Areas.
Uncompahgre River 1	All tributaries to the Uncompahgre River, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Mt. Sneffels and Uncompahgre Wilderness Areas.
San Miguel River 1	All tributaries, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands to the San Miguel River within the boundaries of the Lizard Head, and Mount Sneffels Wilderness Areas.

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Rio Grande Basin, Regulation No 36

Rio Grande 1	All tributaries to the Rio Grande, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs, which are within the Weminuche Wilderness Area.
Alamosa River/ La Jara Creek/ Conejos River 1	All tributaries to the Rio Grande, including all wetlands, lakes and reservoirs which are within the South San Juan Wilderness area.
Closed Basin-San Luis Valley 1	All tributaries, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands to the San Miguel River within the boundaries of the Lizard Head, and Mount Sneffels Wilderness Areas.
Closed Basin-San Luis Valley 10	All tributaries, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands to the San Miguel River within the boundaries of the Lizard Head, and Mount Sneffels Wilderness Areas.

Lower Colorado River Basin, Regulation No 37

Lower Yampa River/Green River 8	Mainstem of the East Fork of the Williams Fork River, including all tributaries and wetlands which are within the boundaries of the Flat Tops Wilderness Area.
Lower Yampa River/Green River 28	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to the East Fork of the Williams Fork River, within the boundaries of the Flat Tops Wilderness Area.
White River 1	All tributaries to the White River, including all wetlands, which are within the boundaries of the Flat Tops Wilderness Area.
White River 24	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to the White River, which are within the boundaries of the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, including Trappers Lake.
Lower Colorado River 8	Mainstem of Northwater and Trapper Creeks, including all tributaries and wetlands, from their sources to the confluence with the East Middle Fork of Parachute Creek. East Middle Fork of Parachute Creek, including all tributaries and wetlands, from the source to the confluence with the Middle Fork of Parachute Creek.
Lower Colorado River 9c	Battlement Creek, including all tributaries and wetlands, from the source to the most downstream boundary of BLM lands.
Lower Colorado River 17a	Mainstem of Rapid Creek, including all tributaries and wetlands, from its source to a point immediately below the confluence with Cottonwood Creek including Kruzen Springs.

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South Platte River Basin, Regulation No 38

Upper South Platte River 1b	All tributaries to the South Platte River, including wetlands within the Lost Creek and Mt Evans Wilderness Areas.
Upper South Platte River 18	Lakes and reservoirs within the boundaries of the Lost Creek and Mt. Evans Wilderness areas.
Bear Creek 7	Mainstem and all tributaries to Bear Creek, including wetlands, within the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area.
Bear Creek 8	Lakes and reservoirs in the Bear Creek system from the sources to the boundary of the Mt. Evans Wilderness area.
Clear Creek 19	All tributaries to Clear Creek, including wetlands, within the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area.
Clear Creek 20	Lakes and reservoirs in the Clear Creek system that are within the boundary of the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area.
Boulder Creek 1	All tributaries to Boulder Creek, including all wetlands, within the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area.
Boulder Creek 13	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to Boulder Creek that are within the boundary of the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area.
St. Vrain Creek 1	All tributaries to St. Vrain Creek, including all wetlands, which are within the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and Rocky Mountain National Park.
St. Vrain Creek 8	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to St. Vrain Creek that are within the boundary of the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and Rocky Mountain National Park.
Big Thompson River 1	Mainstem of the Big Thompson River, including all tributaries and wetlands, within Rocky Mountain National Park, except for specific listings in Segment 2.
Big Thompson River 15	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to the Big Thompson River within Rocky Mountain National Park.
Cache La Poudre River 1	Mainstem of the Cache La Poudre River, and all tributaries and wetlands, within Rocky Mountain National Park and the Rawah, Neota, Comanche Peak, and Cache La Poudre Wilderness Areas.
Cache La Poudre River 17	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to the Cache La Poudre River within Rocky Mountain National Park and the Rawah, Neota, Comanche Peak, and Cache La Poudre Wilderness Area.

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Laramie River 1	All tributaries to the Laramie River, including all wetlands, which are within the Rawah Wilderness Area.
Laramie River 3	All lakes and reservoirs tributary to the Laramie River within the Rawah Wilderness Area.
Upper Arkansas 1a	All streams, wetlands, lakes and reservoirs within Mount Massive and Collegiate Peaks Wilderness areas.

State of New Hampshire

Env-Ws 1708.05(a) Surface waters of national forests and surface waters designated as “natural” under Rivers Management and Protection Act (RSA 483:7a). Include waters of the White Mountain National Forest (by rule) and natural segments of NH’s designated rivers (by law) under RSA 483:7a. Map available at: http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/pgp_nhtier3waters.pdf

State of New Mexico

Title 20, Chapter 6, Part 4 § 20.6.4.9.A(3): the named perennial surface waters of the state, identified in Subparagraph (a) below, located within United States department of agriculture forest service wilderness. Wilderness are those lands designated by the United States congress as wilderness pursuant to the Wilderness Act. Wilderness areas included in this designation are the Aldo Leopold wilderness, Apache Kid wilderness, Blue Range wilderness, Chama River Canyon wilderness, Cruces Basin wilderness, Dome wilderness, Gila wilderness, Latir Peak wilderness, Pecos wilderness, San Pedro Parks wilderness, Wheeler Peak wilderness, and White Mountain wilderness.

	(a) The following waters are designated in the Rio Grande basin:
	(i) in the Aldo Leopold wilderness: Byers Run, Circle Seven creek, Flower canyon, Holden Prong, Indian canyon, Las Animas creek, Mud Spring canyon, North Fork Palomas creek, North Seco creek, Pretty canyon, Sids Prong, South Animas canyon, Victorio Park canyon, Water canyon;
	(ii) in the Apache Kid wilderness Indian creek and Smith canyon;
	(iii) in the Chama River Canyon wilderness: Chavez canyon, Ojitos canyon, Rio Chama;
	(iv) in the Cruces Basin wilderness: Beaver creek, Cruces creek, Diablo creek, Escondido creek, Lobo creek, Osha creek;
	(v) in the Dome wilderness: Capulin creek, Medio creek, Sanchez canyon/creek;
	(vi) in the Latir Peak wilderness: Bull creek, Bull Creek lake, Heart lake, Lagunitas Fork, Lake Fork creek, Rito del Medio, Rito Primero, West Latir creek;

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		(vii) in the Pecos wilderness: Agua Sarca, Hidden lake, Horseshoe lake (Alamitos), Jose Vigil lake, Nambe lake, Nat lake IV, No Fish lake, North Fork Rio Quemado, Rinconada, Rio Capulin, Rio de las Trampas (Trampas creek), Rio de Truchas, Rio Frijoles, Rio Medio, Rio Molino, Rio Nambe, Rio San Leonardo, Rito con Agua, Rito Gallina, Rito Jaroso, Rito Quemado, San Leonardo lake, Santa Fe lake, Santa Fe river, Serpent lake, South Fork Rio Quemado, Trampas lake (East), Trampas lake (West);
		(viii) in the San Pedro Parks wilderness: Agua Sarca, Cañon Madera, Cave creek, Cecilia Canyon creek, Clear creek (North SPP), Clear creek (South SPP), Corralitos creek, Dove creek, Jose Miguel creek, La Jara creek, Oso creek, Rio Capulin, Rio de las Vacas, Rio Gallina, Rio Puerco de Chama, Rito Anastacio East, Rito Anastacio West, Rito de las Palomas, Rito de las Perchas, Rito de los Pinos, Rito de los Utes, Rito Leche, Rito Redondo, Rito Resumidero, San Gregorio lake;
		(ix) in the Wheeler Peak wilderness: Black Copper canyon, East Fork Red river, Elk lake, Horseshoe lake, Lost lake, Sawmill creek, South Fork lake, South Fork Rio Hondo, Williams lake.
	(b) The following waters are designated in the Pecos River basin:	
		(i) in the Pecos wilderness: Albright creek, Bear creek, Beatty creek, Beaver creek, Carpenter creek, Cascade canyon, Cave creek, El Porvenir creek, Hollinger creek, Holy Ghost creek, Horsethief creek, Jack's creek, Jarosa canyon/creek, Johnson lake, Lake Katherine, Lost Bear lake, Noisy brook, Panchuela creek, Pecos Baldy lake, Pecos river, Rio Mora, Rio Valdez, Rito Azul, Rito de los Chimayosos, Rito de los Esteros, Rito del Oso, Rito del Padre, Rito las Trampas, Rito Maestas, Rito Oscuro, Rito Perro, Rito Sebadilloses, South Fork Bear creek, South Fork Rito Azul, Spirit lake, Stewart lake, Truchas lake (North), Truchas lake (South), Winsor creek;
		(ii) in the White Mountain wilderness: Argentina creek, Aspen creek, Bonito creek, Little Bonito creek, Mills canyon/creek, Rodamaker creek, South Fork Rio Bonito, Turkey canyon/creek.
	(c) The following waters are designated in the Gila River basin:	
		(i) in the Aldo Leopold wilderness: Aspen canyon, Black Canyon creek, Bonner canyon, Burnt canyon, Diamond creek, Falls canyon, Fisherman canyon, Running Water canyon, South Diamond creek;
		(ii) in the Gila wilderness: Apache creek, Black Canyon creek, Brush canyon, Canyon creek, Chicken Coop canyon, Clear creek, Cooper canyon, Cow creek, Cub creek, Diamond creek, East Fork Gila river, Gila river, Gilita creek, Indian creek, Iron creek, Langstroth canyon, Lilley canyon, Little creek, Little Turkey creek, Lookout canyon, McKenna creek, Middle Fork Gila river, Miller Spring canyon, Mogollon creek, Panther canyon, Prior creek, Rain creek, Raw Meat creek, Rocky canyon, Sacaton creek, Sapillo creek, Sheep Corral canyon, Skeleton canyon, Squaw creek, Sycamore canyon, Trail canyon, Trail creek, Trout creek, Turkey creek, Turkey Feather creek, Turnbo canyon, West Fork Gila river, West Fork Mogollon creek, White creek, Willow creek, Woodrow canyon.

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	(d) The following waters are designated in the Canadian River basin: in the Pecos wilderness Daily creek, Johns canyon, Middle Fork Lake of Rio de la Casa, Middle Fork Rio de la Casa, North Fork Lake of Rio de la Casa, Rito de Gascon, Rito San Jose, Sapello river, South Fork Rio de la Casa, Sparks creek (Manuelitas creek).
	(e) The following waters are designated in the San Francisco River basin:
	(i) in the Blue Range wilderness: Pueblo creek;
	(ii) in the Gila wilderness: Big Dry creek, Lipsey canyon, Little Dry creek, Little Whitewater creek, South Fork Whitewater creek, Spider creek, Spruce creek, Whitewater creek.
	(f) The following waters are designated in the Mimbres Closed basin: in the Aldo Leopold wilderness Corral canyon, Mimbres river, North Fork Mimbres river, South Fork Mimbres river.
	(g) The following waters are designated in the Tularosa Closed basin: in the White Mountain wilderness Indian creek, Nogal Arroyo, Three Rivers.
	(h) The wetlands designated are identified on the maps and list of wetlands within United States forest service wilderness areas designated as outstanding national resource waters published at the New Mexico state library and available on the department's website.

Territories

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Tier III waters are those which are classified as either Class SA or Class SE. Class SA waters are defined as "Coastal waters and estuarine waters of high quality and/or exceptional ecological or recreational value whose existing characteristics shall not be altered, except by natural causes, in order to preserve the existing natural phenomena." Class SA waters include bioluminescent lagoons and bays such as La Parguera and Monsio José on the Southern Coast, Bahía de Mosquito in Vieques, and any other coastal or estuarine waters of exceptional quality of high ecological value or recreational which may be designated by Puerto Rico, through Resolution, as requiring this classification for protection of the waters. Class SE waters are defined as "Surface waters and wetlands of exceptional ecological value, whose existing characteristics should not be altered in order to preserve the existing natural phenomena." Class SE waters include Laguna Tortuguero, Laguna Cartagena and any other surface water bodies of exceptional ecological value as may be designated by Puerto Rico through Resolution.

Tribes

Fond du Lac Band of Minnesota Chippewa

Six lakes: (1) Dead Fish, (2) Jaskari, (3) Miller (Mud), (4) Perch, (5) Rice Portage, (6) Wild Rice.

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Grand Portage Band of Minnesota Chippewa

The portion of Lake Superior north of latitude 47 degrees, 57 minutes, 13 seconds, east of Hat Point, south of the Minnesota-Ontario boundary, and west of the Minnesota-Michigan boundary.

Confederated Salish (Montana)

All waters located within Tribally designated primitive or wilderness areas.

Kootenai Tribes (Montana)

All waters located within Tribally designated primitive or wilderness areas.

Pueblo of Taos

All waterbodies identified as “Mountain Lakes” and “Mountain Streams & Springs”.

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Wisconsin)

(1) Bear River [1st Bridge to Reservation Boundary], (2) Big Springs [Sec. 25, T40NR4E], (3) Black Lake, (4) Cranberry Lake, (5) Doud Lake, (6) Eagle Lake, (7) Gene Lake, (8) Johnson Lake, (9) Little Trout Lake, (10) Lost Lake [Sect. 1, T41NR4E], (11) Mishonagon Creek, (12) Munnomin (Jesse, Duck) Lake, (13) Negani (Hegani) Lake, (14) Reservation Line Lake, (15) Spring Creek, (16) Tank Lake, (17) Thomas Lake, (18) Wild Rice, (19) Zee Lake

Sokaogon Chippewa Community lands (Wisconsin)

All waters with the exception of Wetland 22, a 22-acre wetland complex adjacent to Swamp Creek.