ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT: There are many great rivers in Southwest Colorado that are in need of protection. Today in Colorado there is only one river, the Cache La Poudre, that has been designated as Wild and Scenic. It is the intention of this thesis to demonstrate that the Animas River, the Dolores River, the Hermosa Creek drainage, and the Piedra River are all worthy of designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers act and or the Wilderness Act.