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RECLAMATION PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION AND ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1992

TITLE XV--SAN LUIS VALLEY PROTECTION, COLORADO

SEC. 1501. PERMIT ISSUANCE PROHIBITED.

(a) No agency or instrumentality of the United States shall issue any permit, license, right-of-way, grant, loan or other authorization or assistance for any project or feature of any project to withdraw water from the San Luis Valley, Colorado, for export to another basin in Colorado or export to any portion of another State, unless the Secretary of the Interior determines, after due consideration of all findings provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board, that the project will not:

(1) increase the costs or negatively affect operation of the Closed Basin Project;
(2) adversely affect the purposes of any national wildlife refuge or Federal wildlife habitat area withdrawal located in the San Luis Valley, Colorado; or

(3) adversely affect the purposes of the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado.

(b) Nothing in this title shall be construed to alter, amend, or limit any provision of Federal or State law that applies to any project or feature of a project to withdraw water from the San Luis Valley, Colorado, for export to another basin in Colorado or another State. Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit any agency's authority or responsibility to reject, limit, or condition any such project on any basis independent of the requirements of this title.

SEC. 1502. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

The Secretary's findings required by this title shall be subject to judicial review in the United States district courts.

SEC. 1503. COSTS.

The direct and indirect costs of the findings required by section 1501 of this title shall be paid in advance by the project proponent under terms and conditions set by the Secretary.

SEC. 1504. DISCLAIMERS.

- (a) Nothing in this title shall constitute either an expressed or implied reservation of water or water rights.
- (b) Nothing in this title shall be construed as establishing a precedent with regard to any other Federal reclamation project.