

application “does not meet the requirements of this section, it shall be rejected.” Utah Code Ann. §73-3-8 (1) (b) (ii).

The proposed use could unreasonably affect public recreation

Diverting water from the Green River near the town of Green River could substantially reduce water flow over sections of the river noted for their beauty and recreational value, including Labyrinth Canyon, Stillwater Canyon, and Cataract Canyon. My business depends upon people wanting to recreate along these stretches of water. If the proposed water use—by itself or in combination with other uses—substantially lowers flows, my business could be impacted. Lower flows mean slower river trips and potentially less thrilling white water trips. Low flows can also expose hazards like large rocks that would normally be submerged—further reducing the recreational appeal of the water below the town of Green River. The length of the season suitable for river trips could also be shortened by lower flows caused by the nuclear power plant’s water use.

Additionally, the nuclear power plant’s proximity to the Green River could deter some outdoor-minded people from recreating along this stretch of the Green River, period. The applicant should disclose whether cooling towers will be visible from the river and if so, along which stretches of the river.

Until the applicant demonstrates otherwise, the application should be rejected for not demonstrating that the nuclear power plant will not “unreasonably affect public recreation.” Utah Code Ann. §73-3-8 (1) (b) (i).

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