

Animas River Pollution - Public Interest vs. Special Interests

Use our Stakeholder Map and the list of other affected parties on the back to answer the questions below. You can refer to the handout on Interests that you read for homework.

1. Thinking just about mine pollution, put the affected parties into the appropriate boxes based on which side they represent

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2. Given your perception of who stands for the public interest and who represents special interests, how will the issue play out in the political arena?

3. Do you think any of the stakeholders have the ability to shift the political dynamics by changing people's perception of whether they represent the public or special interests?

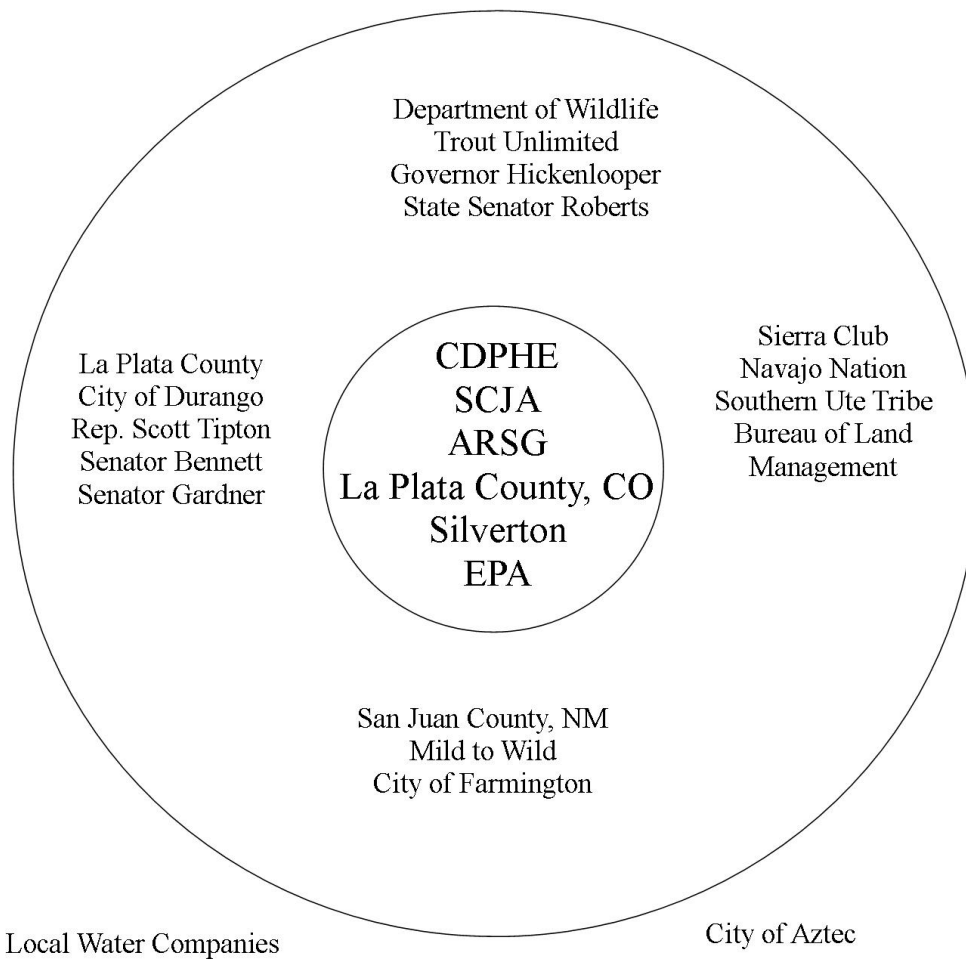
4. Now take a stab at answering the same questions for the pollution coming from farms on the Lower Animas

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Stakeholders and Affected Parties

State Representative J. Paul Brown

San Juan National Forest



Animas River Spill Stakeholders

Other Affected Parties

Durango Residents
Kinross Gold Corp.
San Juan Mining Corp
Silverton Residents
Democrats
Republicans
Anglo Farmers
Native Farmers
Ranchers
Others - ??