

NORTHERN MONUMENT CREEK INTERCEPTOR PROJECT

Introduction

Colorado Springs Utilities is working with six northern El Paso County sanitation districts to develop a plan to consolidate wastewater collection and treatment for the benefit of all participating communities.

The proposed Northern Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) Project would construct a 10-mile pipeline to collect wastewater flows from the six districts and northern Colorado Springs and transport the flows for treatment at the J.D. Phillips Water Resource Recovery Facility in Colorado Springs.

Project Benefits

The project would provide benefits to the participants, including:

- Complying with the recommendations of state and federal authorities to consolidate regional wastewater treatment facilities.
- Spreading the costs of compliance with increasingly stringent state and federal standards across a larger customer base.
- Reducing or eliminating operating costs associated with multiple wastewater lift stations.
- Increasing efficiency by treating additional flows that would utilize already-available capacity at the J.D. Phillips facility.

Federal Review

We're developing an Environmental Assessment (EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Air Force Academy will act as the lead federal agency ensuring NEPA compliance. The NEPA process will take up to 36 months.

Possible Routes

Public input is sought on potential routes for the pipeline, as shown on the following page. Both routes run through the eastern portion of the U.S. Air Force Academy. One would run west of Interstate 25 and the other would generally follow the west side of Monument Creek.

Potential Project Participants

Colorado Springs Utilities
Donala Water and Sanitation District
Forest Lakes Metropolitan District
Monument Sanitation District
Palmer Lake Sanitation District
Triview Metropolitan District
Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District

Thorough Consideration

Among the considerations for the EA process are: impacts on cultural and biological resources such as archaeological artifacts; land use; noise, safety and occupational health; hazardous materials/waste; socioeconomic resources; recreation; air quality; geology and soils; water resources; wetlands; floodplains; vegetation; and wildlife.

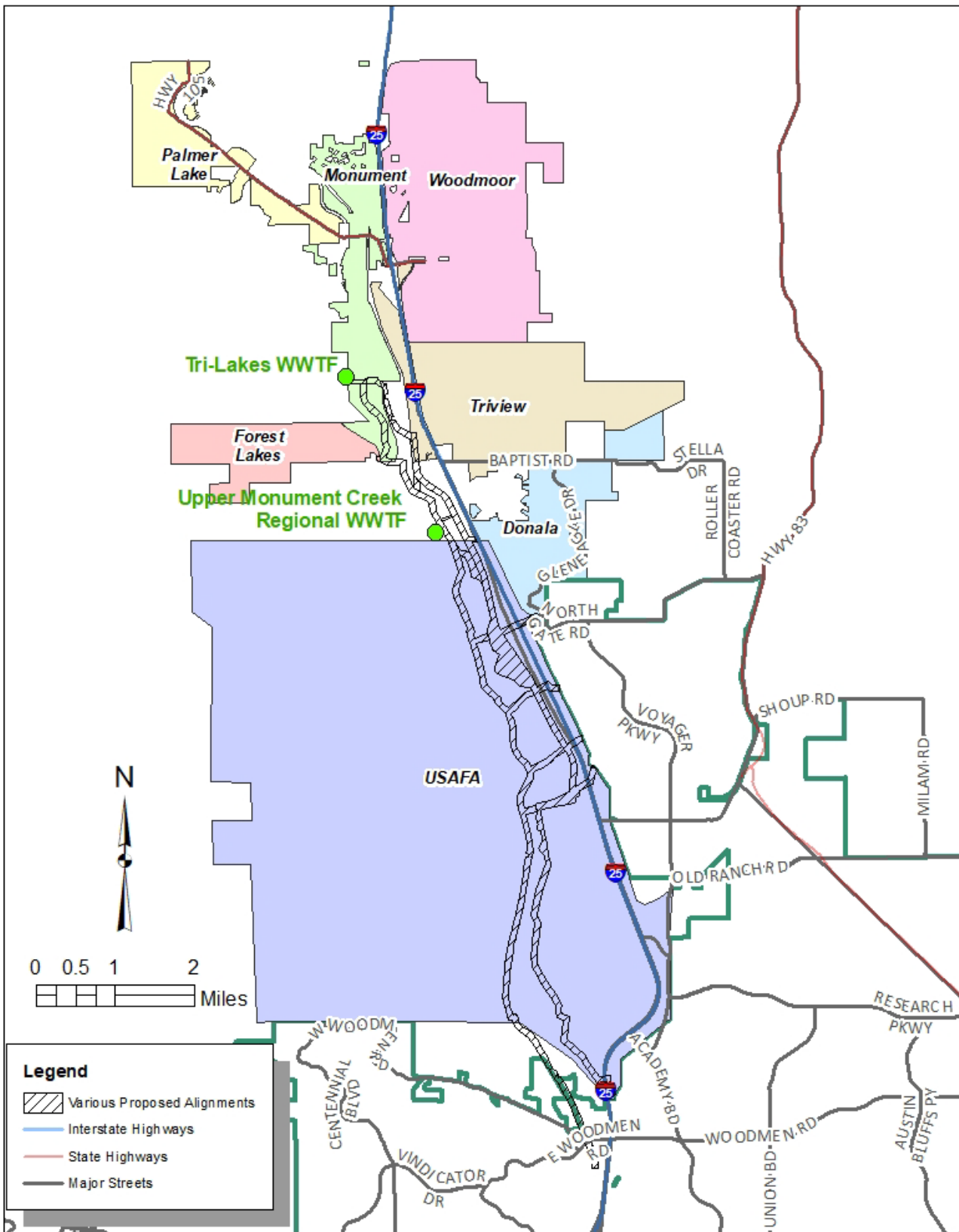
Some specific considerations include potential impacts on:

- U.S. Air Force Academy's Air Installation Compatible Use Zone.
- Historical and archaeological sites.
- Wetlands and floodplains.
- Preble's meadow jumping mouse and its habitat.
- Recreational users of the Santa Fe Trail.
- Water quantity in Monument Creek.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The cross-hatched areas that run generally parallel to I-25 contain the potential pipeline routes.