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Missouri River Water Sought by Western States

DENVER (AP) - Federal officials are considering a pipeline to pump water from the Missouri River to western states to deal with increasing overuse of the Colorado River.

The diversion is listed as a possibility after review of more than 100 ideas submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Bureau officials said Tuesday the Missouri River Reuse Project will be reviewed as part of a federal study on water supply for the West.

According to the Denver Post, Colorado officials have not taken a position on the proposals.

The Missouri diversion described in federal documents would require a pipeline across Kansas, with water used to fill surface reservoirs and recharge depleted aquifers along the way to metro Denver.

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