

# Preconstruction Notification

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# Preconstruction Notification (PCN)

- Required for most NWP and all RGPs within Colorado.
- Thresholds or conditions triggering a PCN is identified within NWP summary
- Any activity that has greater than the potential to affect historic properties or may affect threatened or endangered species



# Notification Requirements

- Notification requirements under GC 31 for NWPs or as listed within RGP
- Can use ENG Form 4345, PCN Checklist for Colorado, personal narrative form, or combination.



# Notification Requirements

## ▪ Project Name:

- ▶ Project name should be descriptive enough to identify the specific project.

## EXAMPLES

### Single family homeowner:

- Joe Smith's Animas River Bank Stabilization (Okay)
- Animas River Bank Stabilization (Not-Okay)

### Commercial:

- B1-101 Pipeline Corridor (Okay)
- Smith's LLC Pipeline Corridor (Not-Okay)
- 3 Oaks Residential Subdivision (Okay)
- Smith's LLC Residential Subdivision (Not-Okay)



# Notification Requirements

- **Applicant:** The applicant should be the party responsible for the long-term maintenance of the permitted structure or fill. In most cases, the applicant will be the landowner or entity paying for the work.

The PCN should included the following

Applicant Name	Agent/Consultant Name	Contractor Name (optional)
Company	Company	Company
Mailing Address	Mailing Address	Mailing Address
Phone #	Phone #	Phone #
Email	Email	Email

**Include other Federal agency involvement**



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# Notification Requirements

- **Project Location:**

- Legal Address: Include street address, city, county, state, and zip code
- Name of waterbody: Provide a brief description of the waterbody that is within or nearest to the project site. If it is an unnamed tributary or wetland complex, please describe its connection to the nearest named waterbody.
- For projects without addresses, provide any other geographic clues (e.g., nearest road and site boundaries).
- Section, Township, and Range
- Coordinates in degree decimal NAD 83
- Direction to site from Durango
- For linear projects, indicate where the project starts and ends.



# Notification Requirements

- **Project Description:** Provide a detail description of the project, including all work that depends upon the issuance of the permit.
  - ▶ Would work in uplands occur but for the issuance of a Department of the Army Permit?
  - ▶ Is the work linked to work within uplands?
  - ▶ Include a brief description of the environment in the project area and immediate vicinity and how it will be impacted.
  - ▶ Sketches should contain sufficient detail to provide an illustrative description of the proposed activity



# Notification Requirements

- **Project purpose:** Specifically describe the applicant's goals for the project.
- **Authority:** Section 10, 404, or both
- **Reason for Work within a Waters of the U.S.:** Can the project purpose be achieved without causing a discharge into waters of the U.S.?





# Notification Requirements

**Aquatic Resource (AR) Impact:** It is helpful to provide in a table format as described below. For project containing multiple AR impacts, it is helpful to add the table to an overall location map identifying the impact locations.

AR Name	AR Type ( <u>cowardin</u> )	Impact Type (perm/temp)	Area of impact (sq ft or acres)	Linear length of impact (feet)	Lat	Long
Total						

**Type and Quantity of Material:** Please provide the type and quantity of material that will be discharged within each aquatic resource.

**Impacts:** Provide narrative description of direct (temporary/permanent), indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with the project and methods taken to minimize these effects.



# Notification Requirements

**Nationwide/Regional General Permit (NWP/RGP) (optional)**: Describe which NWP/RGP(s) the project qualifies for and why.

**Construction Schedule (optional)**: Is any portion of the work already complete? When will the construction of the project likely occur? How long will the construction work occur within waters of the U.S.

**Temporary Construction Activities**: Will the project involve temporary construction activities, such as access roads, stockpiling material within waters of the U.S., dewatering, etc..

**Avoidance and Minimization Information (optional)**: Provide general information on how the action avoided and minimized impacts to waters of the U.S.



# Notification Requirements

**Impacts to Threatened or Endangered Species:** Describe which species were assessed and if the project will affect these species.

Species Name (list all species reviewed)	Affects (no effect, not likely to adversely affect, adverse affect)	Rational

**Impacts to Historic Properties:** Describe impacts to Historic or Cultural Properties. Was a survey conducted? What is the likelihood of finding resources?



# Notification Requirements

- The PCN must include a delineation of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, on the project site.



# Notification Requirements

- **Proposed Compensatory Mitigation:**

- ▶ Indicate mitigation type (permittee-responsible on-site/off-site, mitigation bank, or in-lieu fee program).
- ▶ SPD Final Regional Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines
- ▶ SPD Mitigation Ratio Checklist
- ▶ SPD Uniform Performance Standards





# Water Quality Certification:

Under the Colorado 401 Certification Regulation, all nationwide permits are certified by statute and do not require a certification by the WQCD. Applicants for Nationwide Permits do not need to submit any information or documents to the WQCD.

For projects located within tribal lands, the PCN must indicate which tribe and whether or not you applied for Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 or the individual tribe if they have certifying authority.



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# Suggestions

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<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

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