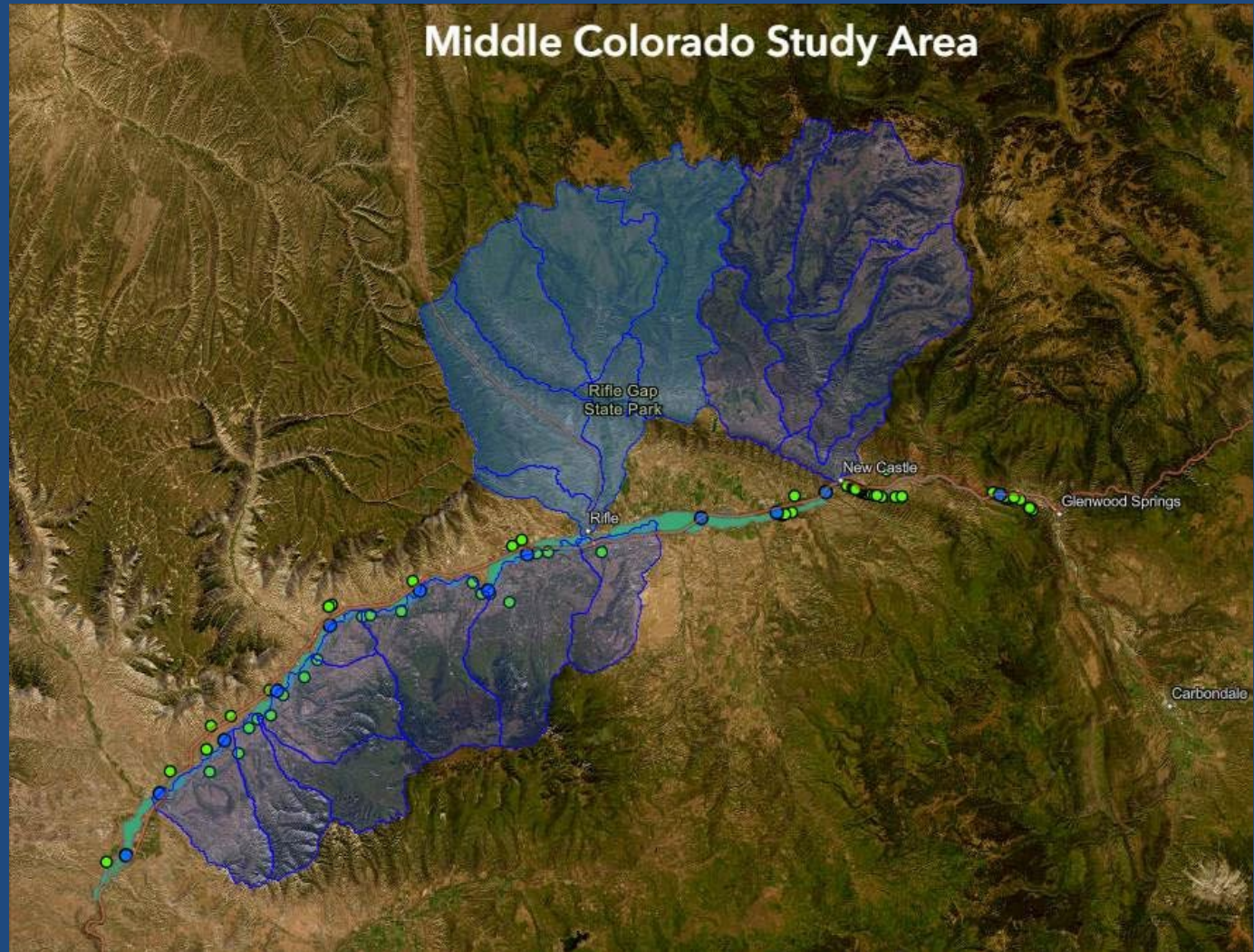




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March 2024

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Post Wildfire Water Quality Monitoring to Protect Water Treatment Plants

*Two New Water Quality Monitoring Sites on the Colorado River:

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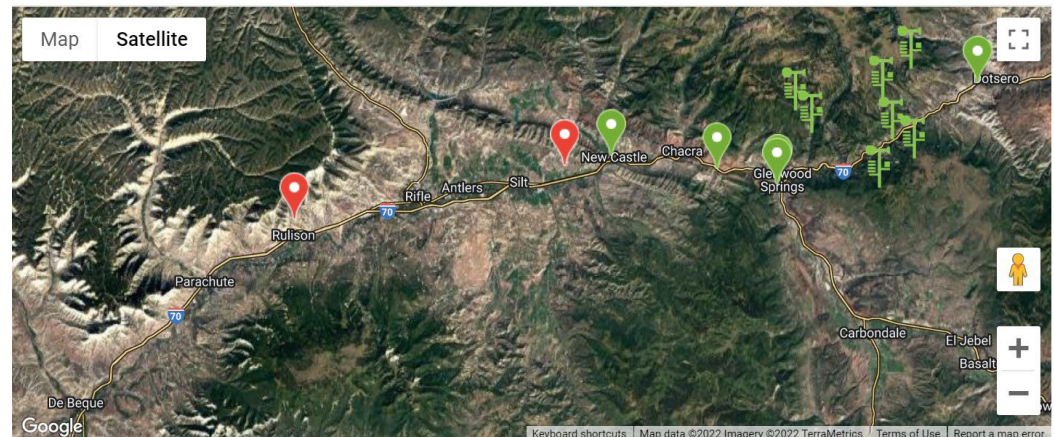
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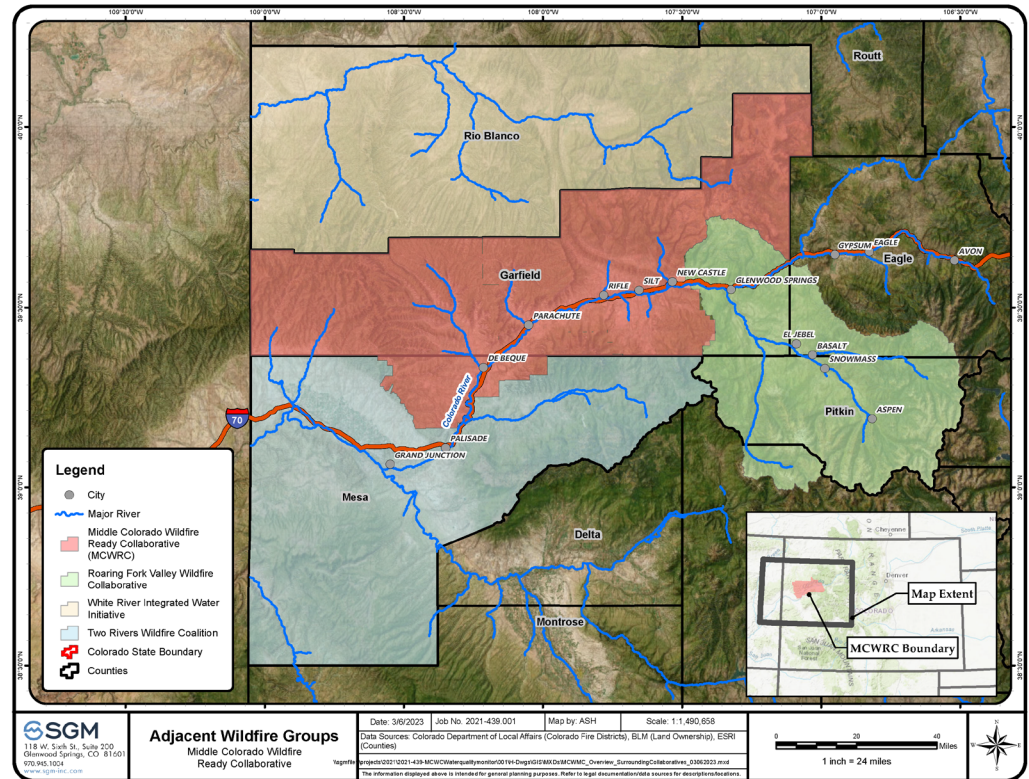
*Customized Data Dashboard For New Castle

*Discussion on needs after 2024: water quality, new monitoring sites and data dashboard

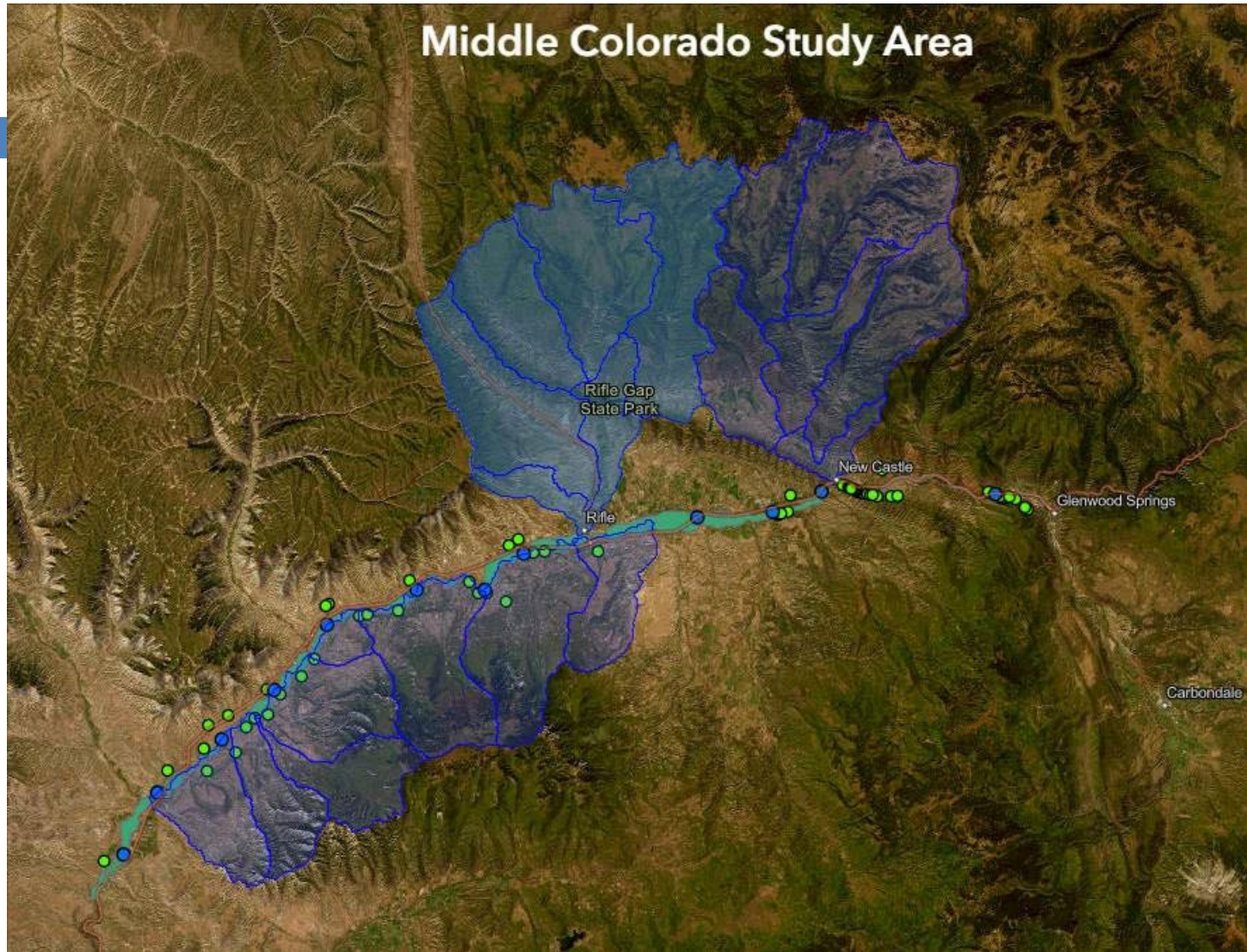


Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative

- Next steps for collaborative planning and projects to reduce wildfire impacts and post-fire challenges.
- Scheduling monthly meetings to coordinate projects and mitigation efforts.
- Hiring a coordinator for the collaborative
- Grant funding through state and federal resources for mitigation projects



WRAP – Wildfire Ready Risk Assessment



MCWC acquired CWCB funding for the Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative to do a post wildfire risk assessment for communities on the Colorado River. Because of \$2,000 in matching funds from the town of New Castle in 2023, the Elk Creek drainage was one of the areas selected for assessment.

MCWC Watershed Projects

- ❑ Non-native fish transport signage for public and private lakes and ponds
- ❑ Landowner outreach best practices private ponds
- ❑ River Watch: Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring
- ❑ Nuisance species app for private citizen reporting
- ❑ Best practices gravel pit restoration



COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

WARNING! DO NOT TRANSPLANT FISH
ADVISOR! NO TRANSPLANTE PESCADOS

The unauthorized transplanting or stocking of any fish into any body of water is illegal. This includes live bait or aquarium fish! It causes severe damage to public fisheries, it causes severe damage to the environment and is highly unethical.

Reporting Hotline
877-265-6648

Transplantando peces sin autorización dentro cualquier cuerpo de agua es ilegal. Esto incluye cebo vivo o peces de acuario! Resulta en grave daño a pesqueros públicos, daño a el entorno y es muy antiético.

THE PENALTIES INCLUDE

- ❖ Significant fines, up to \$5,000
- ❖ Permanent loss of your hunting and fishing privileges
- ❖ Paying up to hundreds of thousands of dollars to reclaim the body of water

Las sanciones incluyen

- ❖ Multas significativas, de hasta \$5,000
- ❖ Permanente pérdida de su privilegios de caza y pesca
- ❖ Pagando hasta cientos de miles de dólares para recuperar el cuerpo de agua

Help Us Protect Your Streams, Rivers and Lakes

Report Illegal Activity Anonymously
You Could be Eligible For a Reward

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Non-native Species Info

What type of non-native species would you like to report?

☒ Vertebrate (fish)

☐ Invertebrate (mussels, clams, snails)

☐ Plant

Non-native Species

Click on the photos to see an enlarged picture.

Northern Pike

[Here is a link to a picture of the species](#)

Description

Northern Pike have a long snout filled with teeth and an elongated body with whitish irregular chain markings on a dark body. This species looks similar to tiger muskie, but tiger muskie have dark striped sides and light body. If this species is caught in moving or flowing water, do not return the fish to the water.



*Speaker Series event at Colorado Drifters with David Graf, US Fish and Wildlife in February

*Annual Wild and Scenic Film Fest in Rifle and Glenwood Springs

*Family fun fishing day with District 16 and RE-2 at the River Stop

REQUEST: 2024 Support of the Middle Colorado Watershed Council



- **Listing on the Donor Board at River Stop at the Rifle Rest Area**
- **Highlighted on the donor page of MCWC website**
- **Feature in MCWC social media posts**
- **Feature in a 2024 newsletter**

**Annual New Castle
Support Request:
\$2,500**

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