

## The Colorado River—Introduction Wall (TBD)

### Summary & Purpose

It will be an introduction piece to the exhibit space. Visitors examine the large map of the Colorado River watershed and learn a few basic facts about the effects of the river on human life and the environment of the Southwest. They will also locate the Middle Colorado Watershed on the map.

### Objectives242425

#### What will visitors learn?

- The river travels 8 US states and 1 Mexican state.
- Major features along the river and tributaries
- The river supplies drinking water to more than 40 million people.
- The river irrigates more than 5.5 million acres of land.
- The river sometimes no longer reaches the Gulf of Mexico (DW: “as it once commonly did”) due to a lack of flow.

### Related Themes and Messages

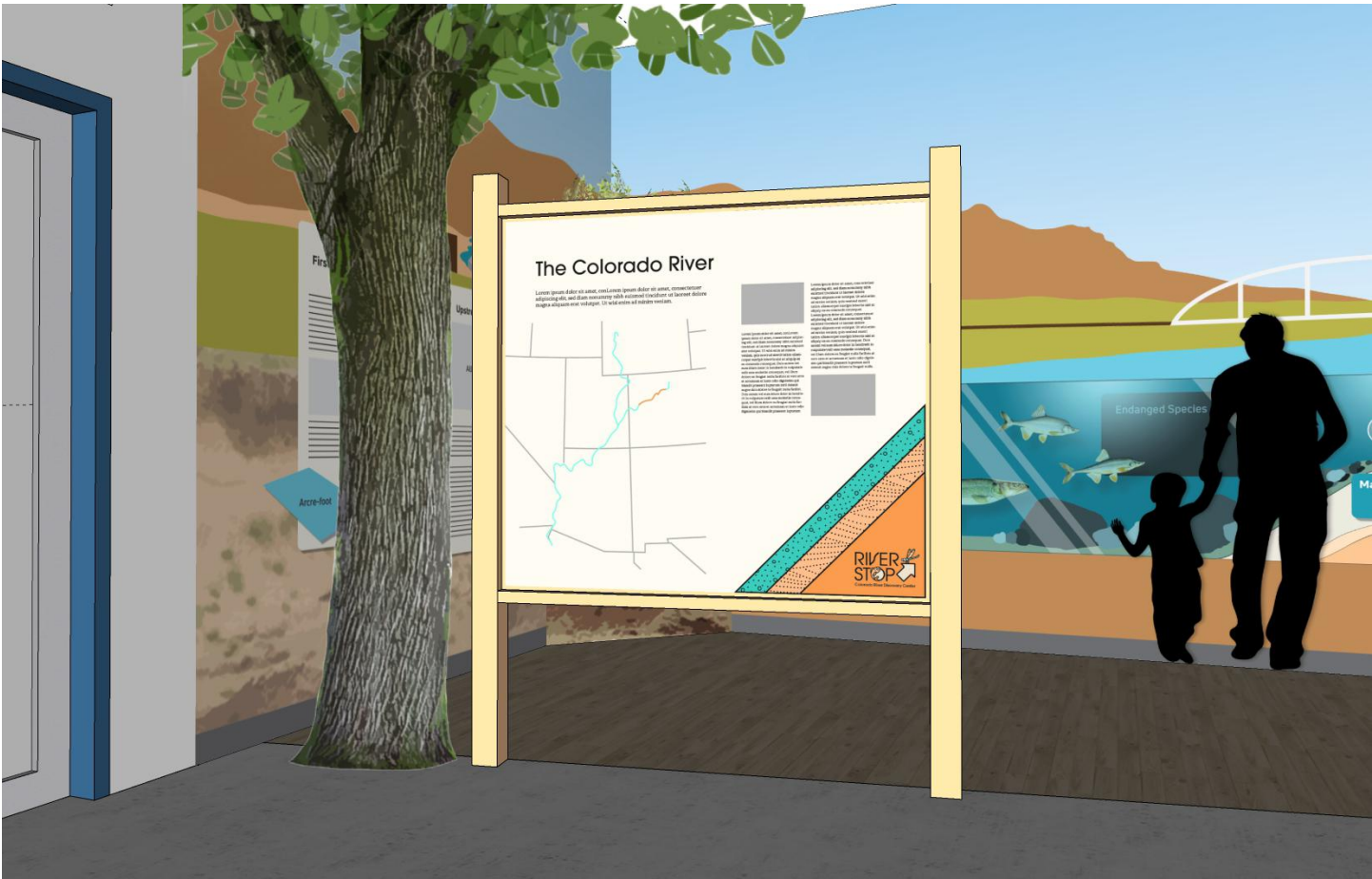
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### Location

Front side of the park exterior sign

### Description and Conceptual Rendering

1. Title lettering for the exhibits as a whole
2. Introduction text.
3. Large Colorado watershed map including US and Northern Mex. Map legends will be kept minimal. The essential legends will be:
  - The Middle Colorado Watershed
  - Major river
  - Minor river
  - Reservoir with dam
  - International border
  - State border
  - Major City
  - DW: can we add any indicator of predominant land cover/biome? E.g. desert, grazing, forest, etc.



### The Colorado River

Learn about the Colorado River and its importance to the region. Discover the history of the river and the challenges it faces today. Find out how you can help protect this vital resource.



The Colorado River is one of the most important water resources in the United States. It provides water for millions of people and supports a wide variety of agriculture and industry. The river is also home to many unique plants and animals.

However, the Colorado River is facing many challenges today. Drought, climate change, and overuse are all threatening the river's health. It is important that we take action now to protect this vital resource for future generations.

For more information, visit [www.coloradoriver.org](http://www.coloradoriver.org)



### Endangered Species

