

Tribune Opinion: Glad to see U.S. Army Corps of Engineers extend comment period

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We were glad to see the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [extend the deadline](#) for public comment on a key part of the Northern Integrated Supply Project by 30 days.

All written comments on the corps' supplemental draft environmental impact statement on the northern Colorado water supply project must be submitted to the corps by Sept. 3. Initially, the corps only gave residents 45 days to submit comments. However, corps officials pushed it back on Tuesday to a total of 75 days. The statement was released June 19.

Two meetings have been scheduled to hear public feedback. One will take place at 5 p.m. July 22 at the Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect Road in Fort Collins. The second will happen at 5 p.m. July 23 at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O St. in Greeley.

We think a 30-day extension is right. It does give the public more time to review the 1,500-page document, but it's not so long a period of time as to disrupt the already laborious approval process. NISP would see the construction of Glade Reservoir northwest of Fort Collins and Galetton Reservoir northeast of Greeley to provide 15 municipalities and water districts with more water storage. Proponents say the water storage is vital for a growing region. Opponents worry it would take too much water out of the Poudre River and damage the ecosystem.

We support NISP, but regardless of your feelings about the project, we hope you'll become involved and make your voice heard.