

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve



Water, Water Everywhere – Research Links

History

- [Recent History of Great Sand Dunes](#)

Congressional Acts and Presidential Proclamations

- [Organic Act of 1916](#) ([full legislation](#))
- [President Hoover's Proclamation, 1932](#)
- [Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000](#) (full legislation)
- [Wilderness Act of 1964](#)
- [Antiquities Act of 1906](#)
- [Wild and Scenic Rivers Act](#)

Great Sand Dunes Management and Planning

- [Great Sand Dunes' Management web page](#) contains links to the park's General Management Plan, Laws and Policies, Management History, Purpose Statement, and more.

Water Rights

- [The Rio Grande Compact](#)
- [San Luis Valley Project, Closed Basin Division, Colorado](#), Alamosa Field Division Staff, Bureau of Reclamation (PDF)
- The [Rio Grande Decision Support System](#) (RGDSS) is a water management system being developed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado Division of Water Resources to assist in making informed decisions regarding historic and future use of water in the Rio Grande basin.
- The [Colorado Water Conservation Board](#) (CWCB) was created in 1937 for the purpose of aiding in the protection and development of the state's waters.

Research Links

- [Ground-Water Flow Direction, Water Quality, Recharge Sources, and Age, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, South-Central Colorado, 2000-2001](#) US Geological Survey, Michael G. Rupert and L. Niel Plummer
- [Hydrogeology of the San Luis Valley, Colorado, An Overview—and a Look at the Future](#) (.pdf file, 44 kb) Philip A. Emery
- [San Luis Valley Project, Closed Basin Division, Colorado](#) (.pdf file, 1.21 mb) Alamosa Field Division Staff, Bureau of Reclamation

- [The Role of Streams in the Development of the Great Sand Dunes and their Connection with the Hydrologic Cycle](#) (.pdf, 5.7 mb) Andrew D. Valdez, Great Sand Dunes Geologist
- [Fish Inventories in Four Park Units of the Rocky Mountain Network](#), Robert G. Bramblett and Alexander V. Zale (PDF) [abbreviated to contain only Great Sand Dunes references]

Maps, Graphs, Diagrams

- [Great Sand Dunes webpage on hydrology](#)