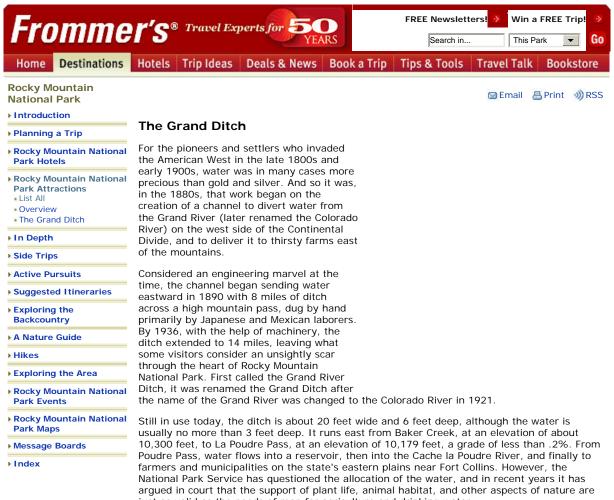
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just as valid as the needs of man for agriculture and drinking water.

An immediate effect of this water theft was a reduction in the fish population in the Colorado River. The water flow was cut in half, not only limiting the number of fish it could support but also causing an increase in the water temperature, which further endangered the fish.

Hikers will get a close-up view of the ditch, whether they want it or not, along the Grand Ditch Trail, which also offers some pleasant scenic views. The Ditch is also clearly visible from the Coyote Valley Nature Trail, a few miles south.

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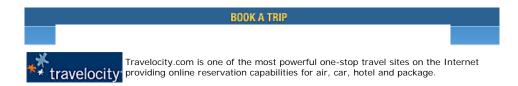
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