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Navajo Nation, environmentalists fight rollback of U.S. water rule



Grand Falls is located on the Navajo Nation and is part of the Little Colorado River. (Adobe Photo)

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The nation’s largest Native American tribe and several environmental groups are waging a legal challenge to a revised federal rule that lifts protections for many streams, creeks and wetlands across the U.S.

The rule, which took effect June 22, narrows the types of waterways that qualify for federal protection under the half-century-old Clean Water Act. As a result, critics say the number of waterways across the Navajo Nation and other arid states in the West that were previously protected under the act have been

