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To preserve and protect the headwaters of the Arkansas River, the Bighorn Sheep Canyon, its inhabitants and the communities that depend upon them.

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Federal Judge Tells Christo’s OTR- Don’t Hang Any Sheets Over the River Yet

Today at a federal court hearing in Denver, Judge John Kane ordered Christo’s Over The River Corporation (OTR) not to begin construction without adequate notice to the Court and all parties.

Judge Kane directed counsel for OTR, not to “hang those sheets over the river” until ROAR has a meaningful opportunity to make its case to the Court. His decision essentially prohibits any OTR construction until the court authorizes it.

This action is in addition to his decision last month to prevent any possible construction for 60 days following a ruling on an appeal of BLM’s approval of OTR that is currently before the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). IBLA is still considering the administrative appeal filed by a third party. No date as to when IBLA will decide but possibly toward the end of this year.

According to ROAR’s lead counsel, Mike Harris, “We appreciate the opportunity given to us by the Court to fairly and fully make our case against BLM’s approval of this project. Our case is strong, and now it is assured to be heard.”

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