

February 23, 2010

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

March 3, 2010

CONVENE: 9:00 a.m. CALL-IN NUMBER: 888-842-7194, passcode 209309#

1. Roll call, review/modify agenda (5 min.) – *The Committee will consider the agenda, allotted time for each item, and make any necessary additions or revisions.*
2. Approve September 24, 2009, meeting summary (All, 5 min.) – *This summary was posted to the fws-coloriver listserv by Tom Chart on 9/25/09.*
3. Updates
 - a. Southern Rockies Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) (Guertin, DeAngelis, 15 min)
 - b. Updates on Program legislation and post-2011 base funding (Pitts, 15 min)
 - c. Washington, D.C., briefing trip (Shields, Pitts, 15 min)
 - d. Capital projects (Uilenberg, 10 min)
 - e. [10,825 Alternatives](#) update (Pitts, 10 min)
 - f. Aspinall PBO & [EIS](#) (Uilenberg, Chart, 15 min) (See Attachment 1)
 - g. Green River flow protection (Mohrman, 10 min)
 - h. RIPRAP revisions/assessment; 2011 work plan modifications (Kantola, 5 min) – *Program Director's recommendations posted to listserv on 2/11/10; in technical committee review. The Implementation Committee may wish to delegate approval to the Management Committee.*
4. Schedule September 2010 Implementation Committee meeting (All, 10 min)

ADJOURN by 11:00 a.m.

Attachment 1

New demands/needs for research, monitoring and other projects from Aspinall PBO

Recovery Program Obligations under the PBO:

Monitor fish populations in Gunnison River: Program monitors pikeminnow populations and is developing a basin-wide razorback monitoring program to include monitoring of multiple life stages. Monitoring program design is expected to be completed in fiscal year 2010. Implementation to begin in 2010 and include multi-life stage monitoring on the lower Gunnison. Density estimates will be developed for Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker in the lower Gunnison River.

Collect tissue samples during monitoring: During fish community monitoring in the lower Gunnison River, tissue samples will be collected from razorback suckers, as well as a chosen surrogate species, to determine selenium concentrations.

Assist in development of Study Plan to evaluate effects of Aspinall reoperation and how it improves habitat & contributes to recovery. Complete within one year of PBO. Include an evaluation of the effects of reoperation on critical habitat in the Gunnison River and Colorado River from the Gunnison River confluence to Lake Powell. Focus on previously identified uncertainties related to geomorphic processes, floodplain inundation, and temperatures:

While relationships among initial motion, significant motion and streamflow are well defined, duration of flows necessary to accomplish habitat work is not completely known. Because flow duration recommendations were developed based on a wet period, the recommended durations require a large volume of water that may not always be available.

Water availability may limit the ability of the Gunnison River to meet the Flow Recommendations under certain conditions.

Because of timing and other differences in runoff patterns of the Colorado and Gunnison rivers, it is difficult to predict the effect of Gunnison River flow changes on the Colorado River.

The trade-off facing Colorado pikeminnow between stream bed maintenance and temperature regime in the Gunnison River is an uncertainty that may need to be evaluated by the Recovery Program.

The Recovery Program may need to evaluate the trade-off between high spring flows and base flows needed during the mid- to late summer to operate Redlands (and, to a lesser extent perhaps, maintain movement of sediment through the system).

Conservation Recommendations: (Discretionary agency activities to minimize/ avoid adverse effects of a proposed action on listed species or critical habitat, to help implement recovery plans, or to develop information.)

Selenium: Recovery Program initiate investigations to determine appropriate levels of selenium to insure recovery of Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker. Any new studies would follow established Recovery Program protocol for priority and funding.