

I. Project Title: Water Right Acquisition Consultant

II. Principal Investigator:

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III. Project Summary:

Due to complexities of water rights law in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, and the work involved in conducting water rights analyses, the Water Rights Acquisition Committee (WAC) occasionally retains the services of water rights specialists to conduct water rights evaluations. These specialists are available to the Recovery Program on an as-needed basis to perform work on individual water rights issues. Cost and performance deadlines are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. No work was needed in FY 2009.

IV. Study Schedule: Initial Year - 1991, Final Year - Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4  
Green River Action Plan: Yampa/Little Snake I.B.3, I.C.3, I.D.2  
Green River Action Plan: Duchesne I.B, I.C  
Green River Action Plan: White I.B, I.C, I.D  
Colorado River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4, I.A.5  
Colorado River Action Plan: Gunnison I.B, I.C

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2009 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: No funds were provided for project analysis in 2009.

VII. Recommendations: The original agreements with Utah and the Recovery Program to protect flow recommendations on the Green River at Jensen are being reconsidered in hopes that another approach can protect these flows. (Note: this reconsideration does not currently necessitate retaining water rights specialists to conduct work under this scope of work.)

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and on track.

IX. FY 2009 Budget Status:

A. Funds provided: up to \$ 10,000 in "Section 7" funds administered by the NFW Foundation is available each year

B. Funds expended: \$ 0 Rights Specialists (Consultant Services).

C. Difference: \$ 0 .

X. Status of Data Submission: NA

XI. Signed: Jana Mohrman  
Principal Investigator

January 20, 2009  
Date