I. **Project Title:** Coordinated Reservoir Operations and Public Involvement

II. **Principal Investigator(s):**
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III. **Project Summary:** Project involves voluntary operational coordination of selected reservoirs in the Colorado River Basin upstream from the confluence of the Colorado and Gunnison rivers. The goal is to enhance spring peak flows to improve endangered fish species habitat in the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado without diminishing reservoir yields or affecting the timing of reservoir filling. Participating reservoirs in the past have included Green Mountain and Ruedi (Reclamation), Wolford Mountain (Colorado River Water Conservation District), Dillon and Williams Fork (Denver Water), and Willow Creek and Granby (Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District & Reclamation).

IV. **Study Schedule:** 1995-present

V. **Relationship to RIPRAP:** Action Plan item 1.A.5.i

VI. **Accomplishment of FY 2003 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:**

   Due to significantly lower than average runoff this year brought about by severe drought, participating reservoirs were not able to make coordinated releases to enhance peak flows.

VII. **Recommendations:** None

VIII. **Project Status:** On track and ongoing.

IX. **FY 2003 Budget Status**

   A. Funds Provided: -0-
   B. Funds Expended: -0-
   C. Difference: -0-
   D. Percent of the FY 2003 work completed, and projected costs to complete: -0-
   E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: -0-
X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): n/a

XI. Signed:

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