

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2005 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT**

**Project No.: PIP-12B**

**I. Title of Proposal:** Public Involvement Accomplishments for the Recovery Program in the Mainstem of the Colorado River

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**III. Project Summary:** The mainstem of the Colorado River from Rifle, Colorado, to Lake Powell, Utah, supports populations of Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, razorback sucker, and bonytail. One focal point of recovery efforts of these endangered fish is the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River immediately upstream of the confluence with the Gunnison River, near Grand Junction, Colorado. Capital improvement projects concerning this 15-Mile Reach include:

**A. Grand Valley Water Management:** Development of a water supply alternative for the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River. Included in this project are efficiency improvements to the Government Highline Canal, part of Reclamation's Grand Valley Project, and delivering surplus water from Green Mountain Reservoir to the Grand Valley Power Plant near Palisade, Colorado. These improvements are expected to conserve a significant amount of project water to benefit the habitat of the four endangered fish species in the 15-Mile Reach.

**B. Redlands and Grand Valley Highline Canal Fish Screens:** Construction of the screens was completed in the fall of 2005. The screens will be operational when the mechanical and electrical components are complete.

**C. Price-Stubb Diversion Dam (abandoned):** A biological opinion was received from the Fish and Wildlife Service for restoring fish passage to the 15-Mile Reach at the Price-Stubb Diversion Dam. The final EA was completed and construction plans are being developed.

- IV. **Study Schedule:** Ongoing public involvement support for capital improvement projects.
- V. **Relationship to RIPRAP:** General Recovery Program Support Action Plan
- VI. **Accomplishments of FY 2005 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Findings and Shortcomings:**
  - A. **Tasks:**
    - 1. Develop public awareness and support and/or informed consent for Recovery Program activities/projects.
    - 2. Provide support for the Information and Education Coordinator
  - B. **Strategies:**
    - 1. **Media:**
      - a. Produced and distributed news releases regarding construction of fish recovery structures. (Ongoing)
      - b. News articles appeared in local newspapers about the Recovery Program projects/proposals. (Ongoing)
    - 2. **Meetings:**
      - a. Coordinated news releases with water users. (Ongoing)
      - b. Arranged meetings with local congressional staff to keep them up-to-date and aware of Recovery Program activities that Reclamation is involved with in the area. (Quarterly)
      - c. Participate in Information and Education Committee meetings. (Ongoing)
    - 3. **Tours:**
      - a. Arrange tours of the Grand Valley Recovery Program's completed facilities and proposed fish passages, grow-out ponds, fish screens, and habitat restoration areas (as needed).
    - 4. **Other:**
      - a. Assisted the Information and Education Coordinator with various Recovery Program activities as needed.
- VII. **Recommendations:** None
- VIII. **Project Status:** On track and ongoing
- IX. **FY 2005 Budget Status:**
  - A. Funds Provided: \$10,000
  - B. Funds Expended: \$10,000

- C. Difference: \$0
- D. Percent of the FY 2005 work completed, and projected costs to complete: N/A
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges:  
(Printing was charged to the applicable project)

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