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) retained the services of Water Rights Specialists to conduct water rights evaluations. The 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 2006.

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
   Colorado River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4, I.A.5
   Colorado River Action Plan: Gunnison I.B, I.C

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2006 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: No funds were provided for project analysis in 2006.

VII. Recommendations: None

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and on track.

IX. FY 2006 Budget Status:

   A. Funds provided: $ 10,000* Each year, $10,000 is set aside to be spent for the Water
   B. Funds expended: $ 0 Rights Specialists (Consultant Services). These are
   C. Difference: $ 0 Section 7 funds administered by the NFW Foundation.

X. Status of Data Submission: NA

XI. Signed: George Smith     November 9, 2006
    Principal Investigator: Date: