

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2008 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT**

**Project No.: 152**

**I. Project Title: Elhead Dam and Reservoir**

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**III. Project Summary:** The Recovery Program funded 5,000 acre-feet of a 12,000 acre-foot enlargement of Elkhead Reservoir in northwest Colorado to make water available to augment late-summer flows in the Yampa River. The Colorado River Water Conservation District funded the remaining 7,000 acre-feet which will help meet future human demands in the Yampa River Basin. The enlargement was completed in late 2006 and the reservoir filled and reopened to the public in spring of 2007.

As part of this project, Colorado State Parks will improve park facilities including restrooms, camping and picnic sites and boat launching ramps. This expansion provides an excellent opportunity for the Recovery Program to tell its story through interpretive exhibits. This will be a cooperative project with the River District, Colorado State Parks, and the Recovery Program.

**IV. Study Schedule: 2008**

**V. Relationship to RIPRAP:** Green River Action Plan: Yampa and Little Snake Rivers 1.A.2. Develop and implement Yampa River Management Plan; 1.B.2. provide augmentation of low flows and 1.B.2.a.(2)(b) deliver water for endangered fish -- deliver up to 5,000 acre-feet of water annually as needed. General Action Plan: VI.F. Participate in development and circulation of interpretive exhibits about the Recovery Program and the endangered fish.

**VI. Accomplishments of FY 2008 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Findings and Shortcomings:**

**A. Tasks:**

Interpretive signs: Work with the state park to determine the exact type and location of interpretive signs to produce and install. Select vendor to produce the signs. Ensure that interpretive messages are consistent with other Recovery Program outreach materials.

A vendor was selected to design and produce the signs. Discussions on display structure with the State Parks, the Recovery Program and the Colorado River District continues.

**VII. Recommendations:** Continue to work closely with State Parks and the Colorado River District to complete the project in FY 09.

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

**IX. FY 2008 Budget Status:**

**A. Funds Provided:** \$10,000

**B. Funds Expended:** \$10,000 (Funds provided in FY 2008 to the CO River Water Conservation District. Work to be completed in FY 2009.

**C. Difference:** \$0

**D. Percent of the FY 2008 work completed, and projected costs to complete:** N/A

**E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges:** NA  
(Printing was charged to the applicable project)

**X. Signed:** Martha Moore November 1, 2008  
Submitted by Date