

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

PROJECT NUMBER: PIP 12H

I. Project Title: Interpretive Signs and Exhibits about the Endangered Fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin

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III. Project Summary: Interpretive signs and exhibits at museums and visitor centers are key tools used to educate the general public. Numerous opportunities exist for the Recovery Program to partner with public and private organizations to develop signs and exhibits that will explain the importance of recovering the endangered fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin and some of the actions taking place to accomplish this. Priority for placement of interpretive signs and exhibits is given to geographic locations where the majority of Recovery Program efforts are taking place, including Vernal, Utah; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Page, Arizona.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial year: FY 2001
Final year: Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE RECOVERY PROGRAM.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2011 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Tactic: State Park Interpretive Signs –When the Denver Zoo was unable to secure funding for a project that the Recovery Program had planned to support, funds were reallocated to replace faded interpretive signs about endangered fish in state parks in western Colorado.

Status: Several Recovery Program interpretive signs along the Colorado Riverfront Trail and at Grand Valley Audubon, as well as a Colorado pikeminnow bench, need replacement or repair. In addition, Pete Firmin, manager of James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park in western Colorado has requested as many interpretive signs as the

Program can provide to install in 5 areas that comprise the park complex. All available funds under this scope of work will be used to repair and replace existing signs and to fabricate new ones. All signs must be fabricated and installed in FY 2012.

Tactic: In 2010, the I&E Committee allocated \$2,000 no longer needed for an aquarium exhibit at Dinosaur National Monument to support an interpretive exhibit for the visually impaired at a Grand Valley Audubon Society site in Grand Junction, Colo. In late 2011, the program learned this project will not occur as planned and the funds are no longer needed for it. The \$2,000 will be redirected to complete the sign project with state parks as described above.

Tactic: Interpretive exhibit maintenance: Funds are budgeted each year to help maintain exhibits that the Recovery Program helped establish.

Status: Funds were not expended in FY 11 and will be used in FY 12 as stated above.

VII. Recommendations: Continue to support the organizations that have established interpretive exhibits to ensure the exhibits are well maintained.

VIII. Project Status: On-Track and Ongoing.

IX. FY 2011 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$19,000 (\$9,000 FY 09 carryover; \$10,000 new funds (FY 11))
- A. Funds Expended: \$ -0-
- B. Difference: \$19,000 (carried over to FY 12)
- C. Percent of the FY 2011 work completed, and projected costs to complete: 0; \$19,000
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: Not applicable.

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): n/a

XI. Signed:

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