

Yampa River

Between Catamount Reservoir (River Mile 207) and Hayden (River Mile 177) in Colorado

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah
Colorado Division of Wildlife, Fort Collins,
Colorado

What: Northern pike. On all three trips, northern
pike will be marked and released back into the
river.

Smallmouth bass. On all three trips, smallmouth
bass will be marked and released back into the
river.

When: March through April, 2004

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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**Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river
section:**

-None

**Between Hayden (River Mile 177) and Craig (River Mile 140)
in Colorado**

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah

What: Northern pike. On the first trip, northern pike will be marked and released back into the river. On five subsequent trips, northern pike will be removed and relocated to Yampa State Wildlife Area ponds, Loudy-Simpson pond, or other approved waters within Colorado, to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public.

Smallmouth bass. On all six trips, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river.

White suckers. White suckers captured in trap nets during the study will be euthanized to prevent potential hybridization with the endangered razorback sucker.

When: April through June, 2004

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

-None

Between Craig, Colorado (River Mile 140) and Dinosaur National Monument (River Mile 46) in Colorado

Who: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

What: Northern pike. On the first trip, northern pike will be marked and released back into the river. On five subsequent trips, northern pike will be removed and relocated to Yampa State Wildlife Area ponds, Loudy-Simpson pond, or other approved waters within Colorado, to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public.

Smallmouth bass. Between river miles 124 and 100 there will be one 12-mile treatment reach and one 12-mile control reach. On the first trip, smallmouth bass captured in both reaches will be marked and released back into the river. In the control reach, mark and release will occur during three additional trips. In the treatment reach, smallmouth bass will be removed during nine additional trips and re-located to Elkhead Reservoir or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public.

Another control reach will be located in Lily Park between river miles 56 and 51. On the first trip, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river. On five subsequent trips, smallmouth bass will be removed and relocated to Elkhead Reservoir.

When: April through July, 2004

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

-Smallmouth bass bioenergetics study

**Between Dinosaur National Monument (River Mile 46) and the
Green River Confluence (RM 0) in Colorado**

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah

What: Smallmouth bass and channel catfish. On the first trip, smallmouth bass and channel catfish will be marked and released back into the river. On four subsequent trips, bass and catfish will be removed and, because of the remoteness of Yampa Canyon, euthanized, except on the last day of each trip, when captured fish will be transferred to CDOW for stocking into Elkhead Reservoir or Kenney Reservoir or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public.

When: June through September, 2004

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

- Sediment monitoring
- Humpback chub monitoring/population estimate
- Larval Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker monitoring