

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 99 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: CAP-7

I. Project Title: Facilities Expansion

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III. Project Summary:

Task 1: Grand Valley Endangered Fish Facility, CO

Complete expansion of the hatchery building to provide intensive culture of Colorado pikeminnow. *The building was completed by June 1, 1999 and products from three crosses were successfully hatched and reared.*

Task 2: Ouray National Fish Hatchery, UT

Complete any necessary construction that was not accomplished in FY98 or could not be completed because of shortcomings. *The water treatment building is currently not operational and has been promised to be by 1/31/2000. Additional funds were obligated to make this happen.*

Task 3: Purchase PIT tags for fish augmentation stocking

The Bureau of Reclamation purchased 20,000 PIT tags and sent them directly to the

Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Junction for further distribution within the Program.

IV. Study Schedule:

- a. Initial year: 1988
- b. Final year: ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan:

- IV. Manage genetic integrity and augment or restore populations
- IV.A. Genetics management
- IV.A.4. Secure and manage genetic stocks in refugia
- IV.A.4.a Razorback sucker
- IV.A.4.d Colorado pikeminnow
- IV.E. Plan. Design and construct needed facilities

VI. Accomplishment of FY 99 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

The Bureau of Reclamation has been unsuccessful at getting the prime and sub contractors to move efficiently in solving the problems with the water treatment facility at Ouray National Fish Hatchery.

VII. Recommendations:

1. *The Bureau of Reclamation has to have the water treatment operational by January 31, 2000 in order for fish testing and preparation for the last year of collection of wild spawning adult razorback sucker.*
2. *Continue the purchase of PIT and coded-wire tags for the program.*
3. *Expansion should concentrate on the development and operation of low intensity grow out ponds*

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing.

IX. FY 99 Budget

- A. Funds budgeted: \$ 240,000
- B. Funds expended/obligated: \$ 240,000
- C. Difference: \$ -0-
- D. Percent FY 99 work complete: 85%
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: \$0.00

X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.

XI. Signed: Thomas E. Czapla, January 11, 1999

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