

I. Project Title: Peer Review of Geomorphology Related Work

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III. Project Summary:

The refinement of flow recommendations and channel monitoring are becoming increasingly important as the Recovery Program moves from a research oriented program to implementation of flow enhancement projects such as coordinated reservoir operations, re-operation of dams, instream flow protection, and levee removal. The Recovery Program's Channel Monitoring Program is expanding, with additional projects expected in the future. To ensure that future geomorphology and channel monitoring projects are designed properly, a peer review process has been implemented by the Recovery Program. A three-person peer review panel was established in 1998 and continued to operate in 2002. Two peer reviews of the Flaming Gorge flow recommendations were paid for in FY 2002.

IV. Study Schedule: Initial Year - 1998, Final Year - Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan
I. Provide and Protect Instream Flows
II. Restore Habitat

VI. Accomplishments of FY 2002 Tasks and Deliverables:

The three-person peer review panel continued to review reports and scopes of work in FY 2002. Two peer reviews of the Flaming Gorge flow recommendations were paid for. One major report was submitted for review during 2002. The report was submitted by the USGS and summarized Green/Yampa river sediment-collection over the past 4 years.

VII. Recommendations: The problems with the panel in past years have been overcome by a decision by the WAC to add three additional reviewers to the panel. Reviews are recommended by the Principal Investigator or Program Director's Office and approved by the Program Director's Office on an as-needed basis. Criteria for selection as a reviewer is similar to the criteria used by the Biology Committee. The Principal Investigator is responsible for securing comments from individuals he/she suggested.

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and not without problems, which have been addressed.

IX. FY 2001 Budget Status:

A. Funds Provided: up to \$10,000 Section 7 funds (on an as-needed basis)

B. Funds Expended: 1,000

X. Status of Submissions: Not Applicable

XI. Signed: George Smith December 19, 2001

Principal Investigator Date: