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I & E UPDATE

Key Activities Completed (Jan. 14, 2001 through April 19, 2001)

- Exhibited – Annual Researcher’s Meeting, Grand Junction, Colorado, Jan. 17-18
- Exhibited – Denver Sportsman’s Show – Jan. 17-21, Denver (CDOW and Rocky Mountain Arsenal both distributed Recovery Program materials)
- Exhibited – International Sportsman’s Show – February, Denver (CDOW distributed Program materials)
- Developed and implemented an extensive outreach effort in support of the draft recovery goals. The plan addresses seven states: Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and southern California. A total of 16 briefings were completed from mid-February through the end of March, to Native American Tribes, State Fish & Game Directors, representatives of recovery and conservation programs and congressionals.
- Developed draft press kit for draft recovery goals. The FWS, (not the Recovery Program) will release information to the news media as appropriate because the goals are part of the Service’s recovery plans.
- Produced and distributed briefing book for congressional visits. Additional copies were produced this year. Copies were mailed to participants of the Yampa River, Gunnison River and 15-Mile Reach PBO planning groups
- Produced and distributed razorback sucker magnet
- Proactively managed news media coverage of the loss of fish at the Program’s hatchery in Grand Junction due to simultaneous mechanical failure of three systems
- Prepared Op-Ed response from FWS Regional Director Ralph Morgenweck to a Grand Junction *Daily Sentinel* editorial on draft recovery goals. The response was published April 15
- Contacted president of the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club in Boulder to request volunteer help with catfish removal in the Yampa River this summer. Vernal FWS will follow-up.
- Developed draft Scopes of Work for FY 2002 for Committee review/approval

Current Priorities

- Work with Kathy Holley on Interpretive Exhibits Project (ongoing)
- Draft Recovery Goals – implement outreach plan (ongoing)
- Host public meetings on Yampa River Management Plan in Steamboat Springs and Craig, Colorado and Baggs/Savery, Wyoming (Spring/Summer 2001)
- Seek news media coverage on northern pike removal on Yampa River through TNC’s Carpenter Ranch (May 2001)
- Finalize I&E Scopes of Work for FY 2002 (May/June 2001)
- Produce Program newsletter (for distribution in July/August)
- Produce Program video (for completion in September)
- Exhibit – Gunnison Water Workshop, Gunnison, Colorado (July 25-27)

