

Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work -- FY 2002–2003

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Title of Proposal: Interpretive Signs and Exhibits About the Endangered Fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin

Background:

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 will be given to geographic locations where the majority of Recovery Program efforts are taking place, including Vernal, Utah; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Page, Arizona.

Strategies/Dates:

1. Continue to work with organizations on projects initiated in FY 2001 (Grand Valley: Audubon Society Visitor Center, Legacy Committee, Riverfront Trail Master Interpretive Plan, Western Colorado Math & Science Center, Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW); Yampa River Valley: The Carpenter Ranch, the Hayden Kiosk Group, CDOW; Vernal: Ouray NWR/Hatchery). These partnerships will result in interpretive signs, displays and live aquarium exhibits that address the endangered fish.
Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee
Completion Date: Ongoing
2. Pursue new projects with other organizations (Vernal: Field House Museum, Dinosaur National Monument; Moab; Page/Lake Powell; Flaming Gorge; Gunnison and Yampa River Basins)
Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee
Completion Date: Ongoing
3. Request funding assistance from other organizations such as: FWS Refuge Division,

National Park Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and private corporations.

Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee

Completion Date: Ongoing

4. Develop, fund, and place interpretive signs and exhibits.
Responsibility: Debbie Felker/Recovery Program/Respective partnering organization
Completion Date: Ongoing but to be completed by September 30, 2004

Budget:

No cost outside of staff time is anticipated to develop proposals and to make contacts to identify locations/partners to develop and place interpretive signs and exhibits. The budget will be used to fund the actual project(s.)

\$40,000 FY 2002	(Recovery Program annual funds – \$10,000 FY 2001 carryover)
\$30,000 FY 2003	(Recovery Program annual funds)
\$30,000 FY 2004	(Recovery Program annual funds)

Deliverables:

An annual report detailing accomplishments and expenditures will be completed by early December each year.