

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2004-2005 SCOPE OF WORK for:
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND EXHIBITS**

**PLACEHOLDER
Project No.: PIP 12H**

Lead Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Program Director's Office)

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Category:

Source:

- Ongoing project
 Ongoing-revised project
 Requested new project
 Unsolicited proposal

Expected Funding

- Annual funds
 Capital funds
 Other (explain)

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

II. 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 Moab and Vernal in Utah; Grand Junction, Craig, Steamboat Springs, Montrose and Gunnison in Colorado; and Page, Arizona.

III. Strategies/Dates:

1. Finalize projects started in FY 2003 (Colorado Riverfront Trail Interpretive Signs; Montrose Pavilion Aquarium; Dinosaur National Monument Aquarium
Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee
Completion Date: April 30, 2004

Strategies/Dates (continued):

2. Pursue the following new projects with other organizations in targeted communities, seeking funding support from other organizations whenever appropriate:

FY 2004:

- a. Taylor Draw Dam at Kenney Reservoir, Rangely, Colorado. This section of the White River contains numerous large Colorado pikeminnow, which congregate at the base of the dam. The message will focus on identification and safe release of this, and other endangered fish species and provide additional information on recovery efforts. This information sign will include more detail than is possible in the “Please Release This Fish Alive” river signs targeting anglers along the river.

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Completion Date: May 30, 2004

- b. Audubon Property, Grand Junction, Colorado. (The Recovery Program has acquired property to reestablish floodplain wetlands for endangered fish nursery habitat. During the spring, a section of trail will be closed as the river floods this area. This is a prime opportunity to produce interpretive signs at each end of the trail that will explain recovery efforts and why floodplains are important to the recovery of these species.)

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Completion Date: July 30, 2004

- c. Visitor Center, Jensen, Utah. This Visitor Center has high visitation and is the eastern gateway to Dinosaur National Monument and Vernal, Utah. An interpretive message at this location will promote the local Stewart Brothers’ human interest story as well as encourage visitation to the Ouray National Fish Hatchery and Dinosaur National Monument Quarry Aquarium.

Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee

Completion Date: September 30, 2004

Strategies/Dates (continued):

FY 2005

- a. Delta, Colorado. As recovery activities expand into the Gunnison River Basin, interpretive exhibits/signs are needed to raise awareness of this work. This community along the Gunnison River is located at the confluence of the Uncompaghre and Gunnison rivers and could be an ideal site to reach targeted audiences. Evaluation of this site is still necessary to determine appropriate locations and the types of exhibits/signs that would be most effective.

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Completion Date: December 2005

(PLEASE NOTE: Both “b” and “c” will be considered if I&E goals for raising awareness of target audiences in the highest priority communities have been achieved. If it is determined that communities located in areas where extensive recovery actions are occurring, priorities for interpretive exhibits/signs may change to focus on higher priority locations rather than the following suggested projects.)

- b. Moab, Utah. Recovery work is also taking place near this community. Evaluate opportunities to raise awareness of recovery activities with interpretive displays in the town of Moab and/or key locations along the Colorado River.

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- c. Page, Arizona. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources’ Wahweap Fish Hatchery is raising bonytail near the city of Page and Lake Powell. The Recovery Program placed its freestanding exhibit at the visitor center at Glen Canyon Dam during the summer of 2003. This is an ideal location to pursue adding an interpretive exhibit about the endangered fishes in the entire Colorado River Basin. Because the message should be broader than just Upper Basin recovery efforts, partnership support should be sought from Lower Basin organizations involved with recovering these species, including the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service.

Responsibility: Debbie Felker/I&E Committee
Completion Date: April 2006

IV. Budget:

FY 2004

Fabricate and install interpretive signs/exhibits as follows:

Taylor Draw Dam at Kenney Reservoir, Rangely, Colorado	\$ 3,500
Audubon Property, Grand Junction, Colorado	\$10,000
Visitor Center, Jensen, Utah	\$ 6,500

**TOTAL FY 2004: \$20,000 (carryover from
FY 03)**

FY 2005

Fabricate and install interpretive signs/exhibits as follows:

Delta, Colorado	\$ 5,000
Moab, Utah	\$ 5,000
Visitor Center, Glen Canyon Dam, Page, Arizona	\$10,000

TOTAL FY 2005: \$20,000 (placeholder)