

**San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program
Program Coordinator's Office
Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Proposal**

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Background

The San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program (Program) is designed to simultaneously address endangered fish species recovery and development of water resources within the Basin. The Program includes representatives from not only Federal agencies, but also the States of Colorado and New Mexico, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Navajo Nation, conservation interests, and water development interests, most of which have legally mandated responsibilities to the endangered fish and/or the water resources.

Region 2 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is responsible for directing and coordinating the Program. As stated in the Program Document, the Service will appoint a Program Coordinator who will be responsible for overall Program coordination and dissemination of information about Program activities. Element 5, *Program Coordination and Assessment of Progress toward Recovery*, of the Program's Long Range Plan (LRP) identifies Program coordination goals, actions, and tasks that the Program Office will undertake to administer the Program. Numerous additional Program Office tasks are included in the LRP under other Recovery Elements. The Service's Program Office is located in the New Mexico Ecological Services Office (NMESFO) in Albuquerque, NM. Program staff includes a Program Coordinator, Assistant Program Coordinator, Science Coordinator, Program Biologist, and a part-time Program Assistant.¹

Program Coordination

The Service is responsible for coordinating the Program. To accomplish this responsibility, the Service will appoint a Program Coordinator for the Program. The Program Coordinator is responsible for overall Program coordination and the dissemination of information about Program activities. Specific Service responsibilities for Program coordination are described in the May 17, 2012 Program Document. An overview of these responsibilities includes:

- Coordinating all activities of the Program, its Coordination Committee and technical committees.
- Developing annual work plans consistent with Service-approved Recovery Plans and the Program's Long Range Plan.
- Conducting section 7 consultations and ensuring recovery actions identified in biological opinions are implemented to benefit Colorado Pikeminnow and Razorback Sucker.
- Maintaining the Program's data, providing technical assistance as requested and conducting analyses to inform science-based decision-making within the Program.
- Coordination with Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program on range-wide recovery issues.

It is recognized in the Program Document that some of these responsibilities will be carried out with the assistance from Program committees as more specifically defined in the Program Document sections entitled, "Biology

¹ The Program Office includes an additional Program Biologist who is funded through the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project Mitigation Account (nathan_franssen@fws.gov; 505-761-4722).

Committee,” “Long Range Plan Development and Annual Revision Process,” and “Annual Work Plan Development Process” of the Program Document.

Education and Outreach

Element 6 of the Program’s LRP identifies the goals, actions, and tasks the Program Office will undertake to accomplish Program Education and Outreach. The Program works jointly with the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program to conduct outreach activities for both Recovery Programs. Both programs operate under similar recovery elements with management actions that are consistent with the recovery goals for humpback chub, bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, and razorback sucker. Because the Program Office does not have dedicated Information and Education staff, the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program’s full-time, dedicated Information and Education Coordinator will be used to assist with certain education and outreach activities. An estimate of funds and activities to be provided to the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program in 2018 includes:

\$ 5,820 Congressional Briefing Document (Program Highlights) printing
 \$ 2,227 Newsletter (Swimming Upstream) printing
 \$ 4,150 Exhibit fees
 \$ 2,500 Exhibit repairs/replacement
 \$ 2,400 Educational materials
 \$17,100 Total

The Recovery Programs’ continued success depends on coordinated efforts. Communication and outreach are areas where it makes sense to coordinate efforts. Using a shared approach helps to ensure that common audiences receive accurate, consistent information about the endangered fish species and efforts to recover them. Both programs reach out to the general public, elected officials, American Indian tribes, landowners, anglers, river rafter and guides, environmental organizations, water and power developers, teachers, students and Recovery Program participants. The geographic reach of some of these audiences differ by Recovery Program. The full Upper Colorado River Recovery Program’s 2018 Public Involvement SOW is SOW 18-38 in this AWP.

Education and Outreach Mission

To support the San Juan Program’s success in recovering the endangered fishes by assuring that the public understands what is being done and why, and has confidence that the process is honest, open, sensitive, clear, and understandable. Education and Outreach efforts will be coordinated with the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program.

Goals

- To develop public involvement strategies at the beginning of any and all projects.
- To educate target audiences about endangered fish and to increase their understanding of, and support for, the recovery of these fish species at local, state, and national levels.
- To provide opportunities for the public to actively participate in activities that support recovery.
- To improve communication within the Recovery Program.
- To maintain an effective Program website

Target Audiences

- General public
- Elected Officials
- Land and pond owners
- Anglers
- River rafters and guides
- Environmental organizations
- Water users
- Power user interests
- Educators
- Recovery program participants (includes local, state and federal agencies)

Fiscal Year 2018 Program Management Budget	USFWS Funding	Program Base Funding
Personnel/Labor Costs (Federal Salary + Benefits):		
Program Coordinator (GS-13) 1480/520 hours@ \$71.99/hr	\$106,545	\$37,435
Asst. Program Coordinator (GS-12) 1040/1040 hours@ \$52.59/hr	\$54,694	\$54,694
Recovery Science Biologist (GS-12) 520/1560 @ \$50.22/hr	\$26,114	\$78,343
Program Biologist (GS-9/11) 2080 hours @ 38.76/hr	\$0	\$80,621
Program Assistant (GS-7) 416/416 hours @ 31.42/hr	\$13,071	\$13,071
Personnel Sub-total	\$200,424	\$264,164
Travel/Lodging & Per Diem (based on published FY-2017 Federal Per Diem Rates):		
30 days in Farmington, NM (\$91/night lodging; \$51/day MI&E; ave 3 staff)		\$4,184
36 days in Durango, CO (\$120/night lodging; \$64/day MI&E; ave 3 staff)		\$6,528
10 days in Denver, CO (\$178/night lodging; \$69/day MI&E; ave 2 staff)		\$2,881
3 days in St. George, UT (\$91/night lodging; \$51/day MI&E; ave 1 staff)		\$521
8 days in Las Vegas, NV (102/night lodging; \$64/day MI&E; ave 2 staff)		\$1,624
30 days camping (\$29/day MI&E adjusted for full MI&E on travel days; ave 2 staff)		\$870
Airfare to Denver, CO - \$250 trip/6 tickets		\$1,500
Airfare to Las Vegas, NV - \$300 trip/2 tickets		\$600
Airfare to St. George, UT - \$800/1 tickets		\$800
Rental Car @ \$60/day*8 days		\$480
Travel/Lodging & Pier Diem Subtotal	\$0	\$19,988
Materials, Supplies, and Services:		
Vehicle Fuel - Mileage to Farmington - 20 rd. trips@254 mi/trip; 18 mpg; \$3.00/gal		\$846
Vehicle Fuel - Mileage to Durango - 10 rd trips@418 mi/trip, 18 mpg; \$3.00/gal		\$837
Vehicle Fuel - Misc trips in the SJR Basin - 10 rd trips@500 mi/trip; 18 mpg; \$3.00/gal		\$500
Office Telephone support (1/4 of total office costs)		\$4,000
Public Notices in Local Newspapers; \$40-150/meeting@ 22 meeting days (average \$95)		\$2,090
Office Printing/Copier Support (1/4 of total office costs)		\$1,420
Printer Ink (1/4 of total office costs)		\$329
Registration Fee – UT Water Users Workshop, St. George, UT		\$300
Registration Fee CRWUA, Las Vegas \$250 *2		\$500
Publication in Scientific Journals		\$1,000
Outreach Materials for Educational Purposes		\$1,500
Sigma Plot Modeling Software License Fee (\$900/5 years)		\$120
FAMS - Fisheries Analysis & Modeling Simulator \$300/5 years)		\$60
JMP Statistical Software from SAS (total \$1,700/5 years)		\$340
Facilities Rental Costs for Meetings: Farmington@ \$100/10 days		\$1,000
Facilities Rental Costs for Meetings: Durango @\$300/15 days		\$4,500
Materials, Supplies, and Services Sub-Total	\$0	\$19,342

Equipment:		
Field Equipment (waders, cots, rain gear, dry bags, tent, seines, etc.)		\$2,225
Blue Star Light Plus VG3 Glasses - Calcein mark reader		\$430
SPOT GPS Monitor		\$192
Computer Monitors		\$400
Portable Hard Drives		\$200
Misc Computer Equipment (mouse, keyboard, wrist support, video cam, etc.)		\$400
Equipment Sub-Total	\$0	\$3,847
2018 Budget Subtotal	\$200,424	\$307,341
Administrative charge (3%)		\$9,220
FY2018 Total	\$200,424	\$316,561