

UPPER COLORADO RIVER ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAM

FY 2024-25 SCOPE OF WORK

PROJECT: 5

Project Title

State of Wyoming Program Management

Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number: Not Applicable

Reclamation Agreement Term: Not Applicable

Note: Recovery Program FY24-25 scopes of work are drafted in June 2023. They often are revised before final Program approval and may subsequently be revised again in response to changing Program needs. Program participants also recognize the need and allow for some flexibility in scopes of work to accommodate new information (especially in nonnative fish management projects) and changing hydrological conditions.

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Category:

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

Expected Funding Source:

- Annual funds
- Capital funds
- Other *[explain]*

Relationship to RIPRAP:

See Item VII, “Provide Program Planning and Support” in the General Recovery Program Support Action Plan. This scope of work describes the in-kind services portion of Wyoming's annual funding contribution to the Recovery Program. The expenditures incurred in completing these activities, in combination with Wyoming’s “cash” contribution used for funding high-priority Program fish habitat monitoring, sum to Wyoming’s annual Program contribution amount. Wyoming’s annual funding contribution for fiscal year 2023¹ will be \$55,673. For estimation purposes, we assume the applicable increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) composite applying to computation of the fiscal year 2024 annual Program contribution amount will be 2.5%; accordingly, Wyoming’s fiscal year 2024 annual contribution is projected to be \$57,065.

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Study Background/Rationale and Hypotheses:

Not applicable, excepting that as a cooperative undertaking among three States, four Federal agencies and multiple private entities, the importance of effective and ongoing communication and effective collaboration within the Recovery Implementation Program cannot be overemphasized. Effective Program management is essential to planning and carrying out the Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan (RIPRAP) so as to continue to accomplish the Program's dual objectives. Wyoming's active participation on the Biology, Management, and Implementation Committees is essential.

¹ See "Colorado River Recovery Program FY 2023 Depletion Charge and Annual Budget Adjustments" document dated October 5, 2022.

Study Goals, Objectives, End Product(s):

Providing measurable outcomes and expected due dates for Wyoming's Program Management is not possible at present.

- A. SOW Goals: Provide timely and effective coordination, planning, and execution of the Recovery Implementation Program's projects and its RIPRAP activities. Make timely and informed decisions and implement all necessary actions to accomplish delisting of the endangered fish species while meeting water supply requirements in the Upper Basin.
- B. Objectives: 1) provide assistance to the Implementation, Management and Biology Committees and to the Service and Program staff in Recovery Program implementation; 2) participate on technical committees and subcommittees; and 3) coordinate among participating entities, and with and among other states' and federal agencies' personnel and with the public within the Recovery Program's geographic area.
- C. End Products: Coordinated Recovery Program planning, administrative review, assessment, and oversight of results and work products of ongoing and finished program activities. Also, accomplish delisting of the endangered fish species.

Study Area:

Entire geographical area within the Upper Colorado River Basin (excluding the San Juan River Basin).

Study Methods/Approach:

Not applicable to this scope-of-work.

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Task Description, Deliverables and Schedule:

- A. Conceptualize, develop, coordinate and facilitate the State of Wyoming's participation in and policy positions on Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Recovery Program) activities. Coordinate with Wyoming's Congressional Delegation, Governor's Office, other affected state agencies and the public as required to fulfill Program obligations and objectives.
- B. Represent the State of Wyoming in the Post-2023 planning process. Attend public, annual researcher's, and ad-hoc group meetings, and participate in other Program-related activities as needed.
- C. Participate in the development, review and approval of the Program's biennial budget and work plan.
- D. Review, edit, and comment as may be required on proposals, scopes-of-work, annual reports, project reports, planning documents and administrative records prepared by Recovery Program participants or their contractors.
- E. Participate in suggesting, developing, and approving appropriate refinements of the elements within the Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan (RIPRAP).
- F. Coordinate with federal agency personnel in transferring funds for Recovery Program-sanctioned work.
- G. Assist in carrying out Recovery Program activities and initiatives as requested in whatever manner practicable.

Schedule: Program management duties and responsibilities will be ongoing and continuous throughout the fiscal years. Completion dates for activities will be dependent upon dates and deadlines set by the Program's Implementation, Management, Biology and technical committees and other program implementation and timing factors.

Budget Summary:

FY Year	<i>WY-SEO</i> ¹	<i>WY-WGF</i>	<i>Total Prgm. Mgmt.</i>		<i>USGS (SOW #8)</i> ²
2024	\$ 12,950	\$ 10,900	\$ 23,850		\$ 33,215
2025	\$ 13,275	\$ 11,170	\$ 24,445		\$ 34,045
Total	\$ 26,225	\$ 22,070	\$ 48,295		\$ 67,260

¹ The estimates for each office are based on five overnight Committee meetings/events per year (including annual researchers meeting and non-native fish management workshop) and provides an estimate of mileage expense, estimated airline ticket prices, hotel costs and out-of-state per-diem and one-day round-trip expenses to attend Committee meetings in such places as Salt Lake City UT; Moab, UT, Denver, CO or Grand Junction CO.

² These funds go to USGS for scope of work (SOW) #8, operation and maintenance of streamflow gages.

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Not Applicable