

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2016 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: FR-171

I. Project Title: Protecting flows in the Price River:

II. Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number(s): N/A

Project/Grant Period: Start date (Mo/Day/Yr):
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Is this the final report? Yes _____ No X

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IV. Abstract: Gather interested parties to begin discussions about flow protection and habitat improvement in the lower Price River.

V. Study Schedule: ongoing

VI. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green: I. C.3. Work with State of Utah and local water users to provide and enhance summer base flow conditions (either increase average daily flow thresholds or increase the frequency that those flows occur) in the lower Price River that are conducive to pikeminnow use. For example, consider securing an emergency pool of water to avoid periods of dewatering in the lower Price River.

VII. Accomplishment of FY 2016 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings

All presentations, related documents, and summaries located at:
<https://sites.google.com/a/utah.gov/three-species-2015/home>

Project Description

Utah Division of Wildlife is seeking funding to purchase water from the Carbon Canal Company that will be delivered to the reservoir in early spring and late fall. This reservoir storage will restore spring wetland habitat and will be released during emergency low water periods to prevent fish kills. Delivery of water in the spring would fill much of the wetland and provide valuable nesting habitat for waterfowl and other marsh birds. This emergency pool of water could be released periodically during dry periods (July-Aug) to maintain flows, improve water quality, and ultimately prevent fish kills that have occurred in the past. The

