

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2004 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM  
PROJECT NUMBER: 9

I. Project Title: Water Right Acquisition Consultant

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III. Project Summary:

Due to complexities of water rights law in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, and the work involved in conducting water rights analyses, the Water Rights Acquisition Committee (WAC) retained the services of Water Rights Specialists to conduct water rights evaluations. The Specialists are available to the Recovery Program on an as-needed basis to perform work on individual water rights issues. Cost and performance deadlines were negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

IV. Study Schedule: Initial Year - 1991, Final Year - Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4  
Green River Action Plan: Yampa/Little Snake I.B.3, I.C.3,  
I.D.2  
Green River Action Plan: Duchesne I.B, I.C  
Green River Action Plan: White I.B, I.C, I.D  
Colorado River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4, I.A.5  
Colorado River Action Plan: Gunnison I.B, I.C

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2004 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: No funds were provided for project analysis in 2004

VII. Recommendations: None

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and on track.

IX. FY 2004 Budget Status:

A. Funds provided: \$ 10,000\*

B. Funds expended: \$ 0

C. Difference: \$ 0

\* Each year, \$10,000 is set aside to be spent for the Water Rights Specialists (Consultant Services). These are Section 7 funds administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; funds not spent are carried forward from year to year.

X. Status of Data Submission:

A final report was prepared and presented to the Yampa River Partnership and the Recovery Program.

XI. Signed: George Smith  
Principal Investigator:

November 16, 2004  
Date: