

I. Project Title: Fish Screening at the Tusher Wash Diversion Dam

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III. Project Summary:

The Tusher Wash Diversion Dam, located on the Green River near Green River, Utah, diverts water into the Green River Canal. Entrainment of native fish in the Green River Canal has been documented; the purpose of the project is to prevent entrainment. The project consists of constructing a fish screen and fish return pipeline (to the river) in the Green River Canal approximately one half mile downstream from the diversion dam.

IV. Study Schedule:

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment, Biological Assessment and final designs are scheduled to be completed in FY 06. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2007 with a completion date of March 2008.

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

Green River Action Plan: Mainstem

II.B.2. Screen Tusher Wash diversion to prevent endangered fish entrainment.

II.B.2.a. Assess need.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2003 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Construction of this project is dependent upon resolution of ongoing litigation between the Green River Canal Company (the owner and operator of the Green River Canal) and Thayne Hydropower (the owner and operator of the Thayne Hydropower Plant). This litigation is pending before the Utah Supreme Court. The Utah Department of Natural Resources has made attempts to facilitate resolution of this litigation; however, no progress was made in FY 03.

VII. Recommendations:

Continue to maintain our position that resolution of the ongoing litigation is a prerequisite to moving forward with this project and continue attempts to facilitate resolution of the contractual/operational issues

VIII. Project Status:

Unable to move forward with this project pending resolution of contractual/operational issues between the Green River Canal Company and Thayne Hydropower.

IX. FY 2003 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$2,944
- B. Funds Expended: \$2,944
- C. Difference: 0
- D. Percent of the FY 2003 work completed, and projected costs to complete:
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: NA

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): Not applicable

XI. Signed: /s/ Bob Norman                      November 6, 2003  
Principal Investigator                      Date