

I. Project Title:

Weed management on lands acquired and/or restored for endangered fishes.

II. Principal Investigator

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III. Project Summary:

The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a plan for prevention, detection, and management of noxious weeds on lands and easements acquired and/or restored by the Recovery Program. (recommended by the Management Committee at the August 12-13, 1998 meeting). All the necessary materials have been compiled, but the plan has yet to be developed.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial Year: 1999
Final Year: Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

-GENERAL RECOVERY PROGRAM SUPPORT ACTION PLAN

ACTIVITY II. RESTORE HABITAT

ACTIVITY VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT
FOR THE ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE
RECOVERY PROGRAM

-GREEN RIVER ACTION PLAN: MAINSTEM

ACTIVITY II. RESTORE HABITAT

II.A.2. Acquire interest in high-priority flooded bottomland
habitats.

II.A.3. Implement levee removal strategy at high-priority
sites.

-COLORADO RIVER ACTION PLAN: MAINSTEM

ACTIVITY II. RESTORE HABITAT

II.A.4. Develop and implement levee removal strategy at
high-priority sites.

- II.A.5. Acquire interest in high-priority flooded bottomland habitats.
- GUNNISON RIVER ACTION PLAN: MAINSTEM
ACTIVITY II. RESTORE HABITAT
- II.A.2. Develop and implement levee removal strategy at high-priority sites.
- II.A.3. Acquire interest in high-priority flooded bottomland habitats.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 99 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Development of the plan is behind schedule. Weed management experts have been contacted to identify state-of-the-art detection, prevention, and management techniques. Contacts have included Boyd Kitchen (USU Coop Extension Service); Milt Billings (Uintah County Weed Supervisor); Tamara Naumann (NPS Dinosaur National Monument Botanist); Pat Arbiter (BR-GJ); and Carol Spurrier (BLM noxious weed coordinator). Several individuals mentioned that the Yellowstone National Park weed management plan was as close to state-of-the-art as far as they knew. A copy of that plan has been obtained as a template. Art Roybal (WAPA) provided some reference materials that will prove useful for incorporation into the plan. And Dan Alonso provided a copy of the draft plan that will be used for the ONWR. As soon as possible, the materials will be synthesized into a draft plan for peer review and for review by the Recovery Program.

VII. Recommendations:

None.

VIII. Project Status:

Behind schedule. It is hoped to have a draft completed for review by spring 2000.

IX. FY 99 Budget:

- A. Funds Provided: \$ 22.7K
- B. Funds Expended: \$ 0
- C. Difference: \$ 22.7K
- D. Percent of the FY 99 work completed: ~50%
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: N/A

X. Status of Data Submission (where applicable): N/A

XI. Signed: Pat Nelson 12-8-99
Project Manager Date