

Colorado River

Between Rifle, Colorado (River Mile 240) and the Westwater boat landing (River Mile 128) near the Colorado-Utah State Line

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Junction, Colorado
Colorado Division of Wildlife, Grand Junction, Colorado

What: Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and other centrarchids (sunfish species). On the first trip, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river. During eight subsequent trips, smallmouth bass captured will be euthanized. Some will be provided to the Colorado Division of Wildlife for a stable isotope study to determine origin. Largemouth bass greater than 10 inches in length will be relocated to Highline Lake.

When: April through September, 2009

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

- Sediment and channel monitoring
- Floodplain topographical surveys
- Stocking of endangered fishes; monitoring of stocked fish
- Colorado pikeminnow monitoring/population estimate
- Humpback chub monitoring/population estimate

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