

# Green River

## **Between Brown's Park (River Mile 398) and Rainbow Park (River Mile 328) in Colorado and Utah**

**Who:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah

**What:** Smallmouth bass. During two sampling trips, smallmouth bass will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because of the remoteness of the study area, and because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

Northern pike. Any northern pike captured during sampling trips will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because of the remoteness of the study area, and Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

**When:** June through September, 2009

**Why:** See attached questions and answers.

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### **Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:**

- Sediment monitoring
- Fish community monitoring

## **Between Echo Park (River Mile 344) and Split Mountain (River Mile 318) in Utah**

**Who:** Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Moab, Utah  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah

**What:** Smallmouth bass. On the first two trips, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river. On 13 subsequent trips, smallmouth bass will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

Northern pike. On all 15 trips, any northern pike encountered will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

Channel catfish. On the last 11 smallmouth bass trips, crews will determine if channel catfish can also be effectively removed without compromising the primary objective of smallmouth bass and northern pike management. This experimental pilot effort will help the Recovery Program determine if channel catfish removal should continue or expand in the future. Channel catfish will not be relocated to other waters because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

**When:** July through October, 2009

**Why:** See attached questions and answers.

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### **Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this section of river:**

- Sediment monitoring
- Larval razorback sucker drift and entrainment study
- Stocking of endangered fishes
- Colorado pikeminnow monitoring/population estimates
- Larval Colorado pikeminnow and larval razorback sucker monitoring
- White sucker removal

## **Between Split Mountain (River Mile 318) and the Duchesne River Confluence (River Mile 248) in Utah**

**Who:** Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Vernal, Utah

**What:** Northern pike. During weekly trips (March-April), northern pike will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

Smallmouth bass. On the first trip, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river. On 11 subsequent trips, smallmouth bass will be removed and euthanized. They will not be relocated to other waters because Utah adheres to a strict policy to prevent transfer of fish diseases from one area to another.

**When:** Late-March through October, 2009

**Why:** See attached questions and answers.

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