

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2006 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM  
PROJECT NUMBER: C-28

- I. Project Title: Tusher Wash Fish Screen
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- III. Project Summary: The Tusher Wash Diversion Dam, located on the Green River above Green River, UT diverts water into the Green River Canal Company Main Canal. Entrainment of native fish has been documented. The project consists of constructing a fish screen and fish return pipeline in the Green River Canal Company Main Canal approximately one mile downstream from the diversion dam.
- IV. Study Schedule: This project has been deferred for a number of years, initially due to water rights litigation between the Green River Canal Company and Thayne Hydropower, which was ultimately resolved in the Utah Supreme Court. The project is now on hold pending completion of Elkhead Reservoir enlargement and the award of a Price-Stubbs Fish Passage construction contract, in order to determine the amount of remaining funds under the cost ceiling established by P.L. 106-392 as amended. Both of these milestones should be achieved in late 2006 or early 2007. Under the current schedule, designs and preconstruction activities leading to a construction contract would take place in FY 2007 and 2008 with a construction contract award in late FY 2008.
- V. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green River Action Plan: Mainstem II.B.2 Screen Tusher Wash diversion to prevent endangered fish entrainment
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2006 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: Limited design data collection occurred in FY 2006, consisting of field surveys. Some preliminary design work was conducted.
- VII. Recommendations: Move forward with design and construction after the amount of remaining capital funds is determined. This will most probably result in not screening the water that is diverted for hydroelectric generation. Section 7 consultation for the project will need to address potential take issues.
- VIII. Project Status: On track and ongoing.

IX. FY 2006 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$15,000
- B. Funds Expended: \$15,000
- C. Difference: \$0
- D. Percent of the FY 2006 work completed, and projected costs to complete: NA
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: None

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): NA

XI. Signed: /s/ Brent R. Uilenberg      October 31, 2006  
Principal Investigator                      Date

APPENDIX: None