

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2008-2009 PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK for:
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – ELKHEAD DAM & RESERVOIR**

Project No.: 152

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Category:

Source:

- Ongoing project
 Ongoing-revised project
 Requested new project
 Unsolicited proposal

Expected Funding

- Annual funds
 Capital funds
 Other (explain)

I. Title of Proposal: Elkhead Dam & Reservoir Public Involvement

II. Project Summary:

The Recovery Program funded 5,000 acre-feet of a 12,000 acre-foot enlargement of Elkhead Reservoir in northwest Colorado to make water available to augment late-summer flows in the Yampa River. The Colorado River Water Conservation District funded the remaining 7,000 acre-feet which will help meet future human demands in the Yampa River Basin. The enlargement was completed in late 2006 and the reservoir filled and reopened to the public in spring of 2007. .

As part of this project, Colorado State Parks will improve park facilities including restrooms, camping and picnic sites and boat launching ramps. This expansion provides an excellent opportunity for the Recovery Program to tell its story through interpretive exhibits. This will be a cooperative project with the River District, Colorado State

Parks, and the Recovery Program.

III. Study Schedule: 2008.

IV. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green River Action Plan: Yampa and Little Snake Rivers
1.A.2. Develop and implement Yampa River Management Plan; 1.B.2. provide augmentation of low flows and 1.B.2.a.(2)(b) deliver water for endangered fish -- deliver up to 5,000 acre-feet of water annually as needed.
General Action Plan: VI.F. Participate in development and circulation of interpretive exhibits about the Recovery Program and the endangered fish.

V. Strategies/Dates:

Interpretive signs: Work with the state park to determine the exact type and location of interpretive signs to produce and install. Select vendor to produce the signs. Ensure that interpretive messages are consistent with other Recovery Program outreach materials.
Responsibility: Martha Moore/Debbie Felker
Completion: September 2008

VI. Budget:

Interpretive Signs

\$10,000

Design and fabricate four, four-color interpretive signs
(36" W X 24" H, exterior grade with UV resistant ink;
4 signs @ \$2,000 = \$8,000)
Sign bases (24" H X 36" W, low-profile, 30 degree angle;
two legs centered, black; 4 @ \$500 each = \$2,000)
This budget does not include labor for installation. It is hoped
that CO State Parks has staff available to install the bases and signs.