

**Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work -- FY 2001**

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**Title of Proposal:** Coordinated Reservoir Operations and Public Involvement

**Strategies/Dates:**

April 1- 5 - The Committee characterizes the type of runoff year based upon forecasts from the National Weather Service and other sources. Characterization of the runoff year will determine which set of 15 Mile Reach flow recommendations coordinated reservoir operations should strive to achieve. The committee also determines an approximate starting date and duration time for bypassing inflows to enhance the peaks.

April 15 - Press releases and public announcements mailed out.

April 5- 25 - Each reservoir owner / operator prepares annual operating plans for 'traditional' and 'peak enhancement' operations, for their respective reservoirs.

April 25- May 15 - A joint public meeting will be held to present plans for Coordinated Reservoirs operation during the spring runoff and Ruedi Reservoir operations to meet flow targets during the late summer. The proposed annual operating plans for each participating reservoir for the current year will be presented and public comment received. Public comments will be recorded and distributed as soon as possible thereafter.

May-July - The participating entities monitor runoff to determine more accurately the type of year being faced and their abilities to contribute to peak enhancement.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Division of Water Resources Division 5 Engineer determine when it is most appropriate to begin releases of inflow to enhance the peak in the 15-Mile Reach and notify the participants.

The participating reservoir owner/operators voluntarily release inflows to enhance peaks as necessary and as they are able, and adjust operating plans as appropriate, including adjustments made based on public comment.

Colorado Division of Water Resources, Division 5 Engineer conducts an accounting of releases and provide a record of all water released to enhance the peak during the specified time frame. The Recovery Program monitors the effects of peak flows on endangered fish and critical habitat.

During this period the public will be informed through news releases to the media and direct mailings as necessary of any decisions to adjust reservoir operations and bypasses made to enhance flows for endangered fish purposes.

January - CWCB prepares a draft summary report with operator reports, Division 5 accounting and Recovery Program monitoring report as attachments. The committee reviews, modifies and submits the report to the Recovery Program Water Acquisition Committee and the Management Committee and makes it available for general distribution. CWCB distributes the report to other interested parties on behalf of the Coordinated Reservoir Operations Committee on an as requested basis.

**Budget:**

Estimated Costs

Conducting Coordinated Reservoir Operations	Tasks A. 1 - 5	
	Federal Labor	\$ 10,000
	Federal Travel	\$ 2,500
	State Labor	\$ 4,000
	State Travel	\$ 1,500
Preparing Summary Report	Task A. 6	
	Federal Labor	\$ 6,000
	Federal Travel	\$ 1,500
	State Labor	\$ 6,000
	State Travel	\$ 1,500
Improving Coordinated Reservoir Operations	Tasks B. 1 - 4	
	Federal Labor	\$ 4,000
	Federal Travel	\$ 1,000
	State Labor	\$ 1,000
	State Travel	\$ 1,000
Total Annual FY Expenditures:		
	Federal	\$ 25,000
	State	\$ 15,000
Public Involvement (capital funds)		
	Federal Labor	\$ 2,000
	Federal Travel	\$ 1,200
	Printing/Mailing	\$ 600
Total Annual FY Expenditures:		
	Federal	\$ 3,800

Budget Summary	RIP \$		CO State In-Kind \$
	FY 2000	\$ 28,800	\$ 15,000
	FY 2001 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 28,800	\$ 15,000
	FY 2002 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 28,800	\$ 15,000
	FY 2003 <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$ 28,800</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
	Total	\$115,200	\$ 60,000

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<sup>1</sup> Based on current projections. Additional expenditures may be required as additional issues are identified and dealt with.