

## Information Relevant to the Flaming Gorge Process

- **Link to Flaming Gorge Technical Working Group meeting summaries and supporting documents minutes:**

<http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/wg/fg/twg/twgSummaries.html>

The Flaming Gorge Technical Working Group (FGTWG) was established pursuant to the Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as recommended in the Flow and Temperature Recommendations for Endangered Fishes in the Green River Downstream of Flaming Gorge Dam, Muth et al., (Flow Recommendations). Members of the FGTWG include biologists and hydrologists from Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Western Area Power Administration. The Record of Decision on the FEIS clarified the purpose of the FGTWG as limited to proposing specific flow and temperature targets for each year's operations based on current year hydrologic conditions and the conditions of the endangered fish. The FGTWG was also charged with integrating, to the extent possible, any flow requests from the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Recovery Program) into the flow proposal so that Recovery Program research could also be facilitated.

This process concurrently serves the informal consultation and coordination requirements of the ESA for the action agencies as committed to in the ROD.

- **Link to Flaming Gorge Dam Annual Operations Reports:**

<http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/rsvrs/ops/rep/fg/index.html>

These reports detail the operations of Flaming Gorge Dam during the specified water year, including the operational decision process, hydrology, and flow objectives achieved.

They are developed annually pursuant to the February 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam and as described in the September 2005 Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

In the reports, Appendix A outlines the process, and Appendix B gives a detailed chronology of the process for the particular year of the report. The appendices also include the flow requests and other relevant supporting documentation.

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