

**SAN JUAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN
WATER ROUNDTABLE MEETING
JULY 6, 2005
SAN JUAN BASIN RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
DISCUSSION**

San Juan Basin Recovery Implementation Program (SJRIP)

Endangered Fish are Colorado Pikeminnow (Squawfish) and Razorback Sucker

Research and Monitoring Work Began in 1992

SJRIP Formalized in 1995 with Signing of Program Document
SOI, State Governors, Tribal Governments, and others
Dual Purposes: Recover the Fish and Allow Water Development
Know Term “Section 7 Consultation”

SJRIP Established Two Committees Initially, Expanded to Three
Coordination Committee (oversees program)
Biology Committee (oversees biological activities)
Hydrology Committee (oversees hydrological activities)

SJRIP Budget of About \$2.2 million per year plus Capital Construction of up to \$18 million

SJRIP Covers “Baseline” Depletions which are all Depletions Prior to 1992

SJRIP Model to Evaluate Impact of New Depletions on Flow Recommendations

SJRIP Allows New Depletions
Refer to “Principles” for Section 7 Consultations
Minor Depletions are 100 AF or less, Automatic Approval
100 AF to 500 AF - In Past Included in Minor Depletions, No Modeling
Over 500 AF - Must Run Model

SJRIP Highlights
Over \$26 million spent on research, recovery, and capital improvements
Fall Monitoring Collections – in 2004 there are 150 of each species up from 12 in 2002
Data Collection is Beginning to Show Recovery Actions That are Effective
New Mexico New Depletions – Navajo’s 135,000 AF, Jicarilla’s 15,000 AF
Colorado New Depletions – 1,000AF Red Mesa, 1,500AF Long Hollow, 500AF Stevens

Coordination with Forest Management Plan
Special Use Permit May be Federal Action that Triggers Section 7 Consultation
Principles Describe How Section 7 Consultation will be Processed
If Greater Than 500 AF, Coordinate with Reclamation to Run Model