

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INSTREAM FLOW ANNUAL REPORTS (NOT INCLUDING GEORGE'S)**

### **Project 107:** Gunnison River / Aspinall Unit Temperature Model: Phase II

Final Phase II report still pending.

### **Project 115:** Cumulative Effects of Flaming Gorge Dam Releases, since 1996, on the Fish Community in Lodore and Whirlpool canyons, Green River

Based on new findings about invasive non-native fishes such as smallmouth bass and red shiners, we recommend continuing this work for an additional 2–3 years. Continued sampling is needed to better understand effects of low, warm flows on the fish community, so that we can make the best assessment of effects of Flaming Gorge flow and temperature regimes. In particular, continued electrofishing sampling would provide additional information on the large-bodied fish community, which was limited in 2002 due to technical problems with electrofishing gear. Continued sampling also is recommended to follow the invasion of smallmouth bass in the river and begin to document effects of that species on the native fish community of that portion of the Green River.

### **Project C-9:** Yampa River Management Plan

Complete EA and PBO for the Yampa plan. Approve proposed action for funding and implementation. Begin/continue recovery actions as described in the management plan.