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Central Utah Project Office Releases Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Report

The Central Utah Project Completion Act Office in Provo, Utah, recently completed a [report] detailing the accomplishments of the Upper Colorado River Basin Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Program for 2004 through 2009. During this time 22 mitigation projects were completed in the upper Colorado River basin states of Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico at a cost of \$927,310. Projects benefited wetland/riparian habitats, migratory birds, aquatic habitats and non-game wildlife including endangered species.

The Mitigation program is authorized by Section 314(c) of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), Public Law 102-575. The report documents the goals of the Program and the accomplishments toward fish and wildlife mitigation in accordance with the criteria established by the CUPCA legislation. The program is intended to conserve and enhance fish, wildlife resources as an offset to the adverse effects of construction and operation of Federal reclamation projects in the upper Colorado River basin states, particularly the facilities of the Colorado River Storage Project. The Central Utah Project is a participating project in the larger Colorado River Storage Project.

Additional information about the Program, and copies of this, or prior Program reports, are available at the letterhead address or on our website at <u>www/cupcao.gov</u>. The Program is also described in the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance at <u>www.cfda.gov</u>, Program Code 15.535.

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