

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Briefing to the Upper Colorado River Commission

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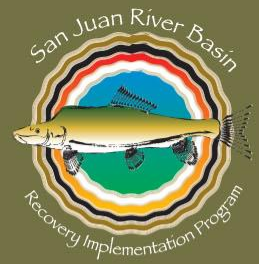
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Endangered Fish
Recovery Program

Partners:

The key to Programs' success



The Nature
Conservancy





Upper Colorado River Basin



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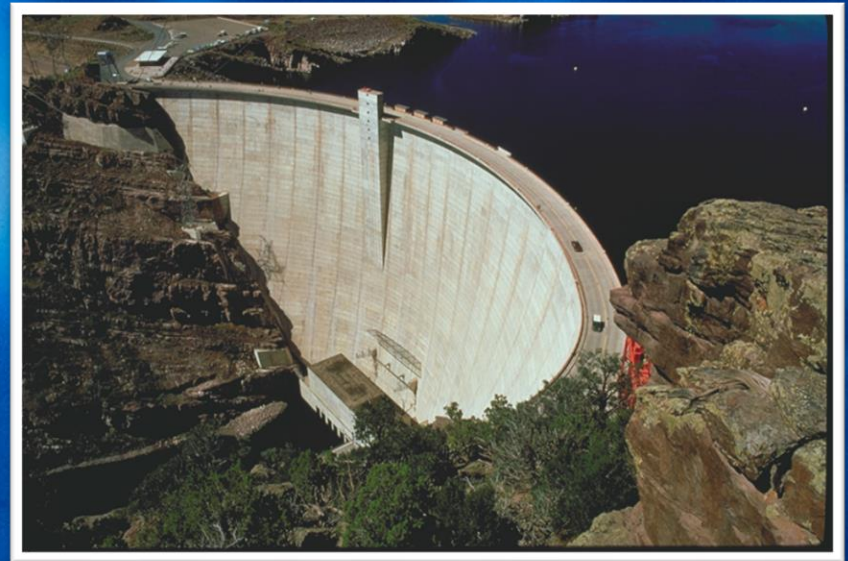




Recovery Programs' Goal

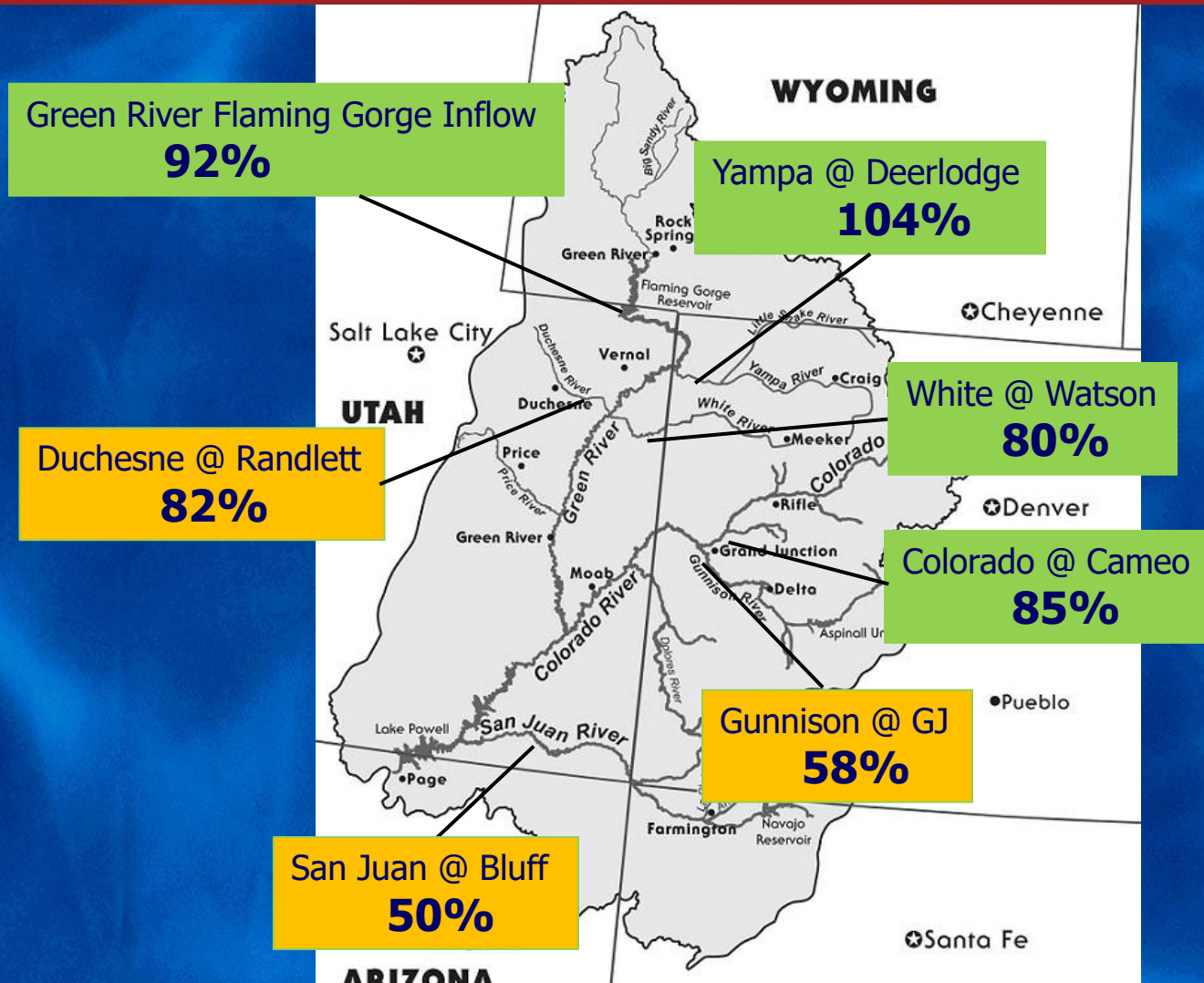
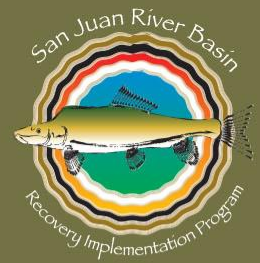


Recover the endangered fish as water development proceeds in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, state water law, interstate compacts, and federal trust responsibilities to tribes.



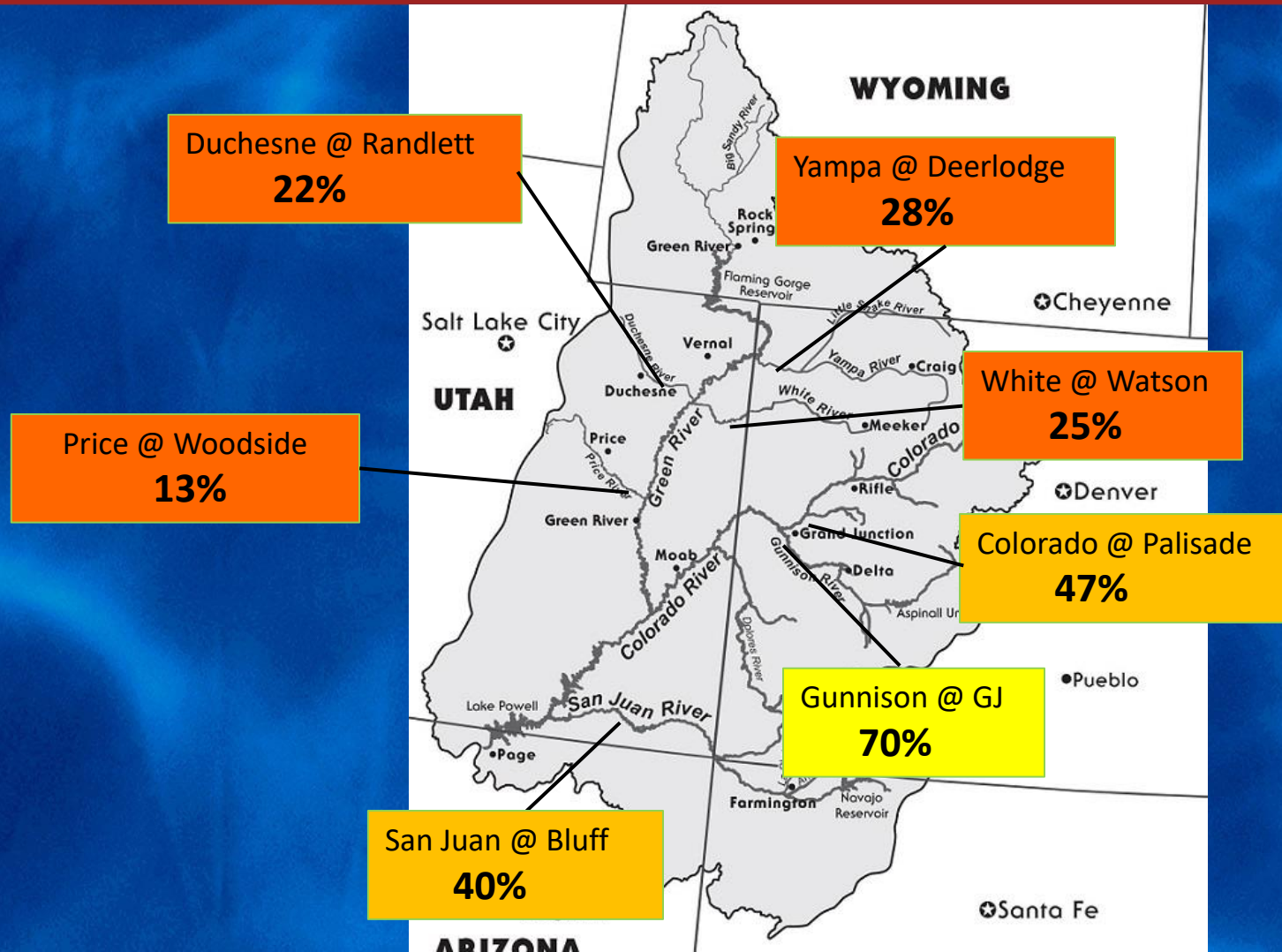
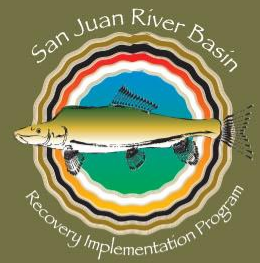


2020 Forecasted Runoff (Apr-Jul) as Percent of Longterm Average



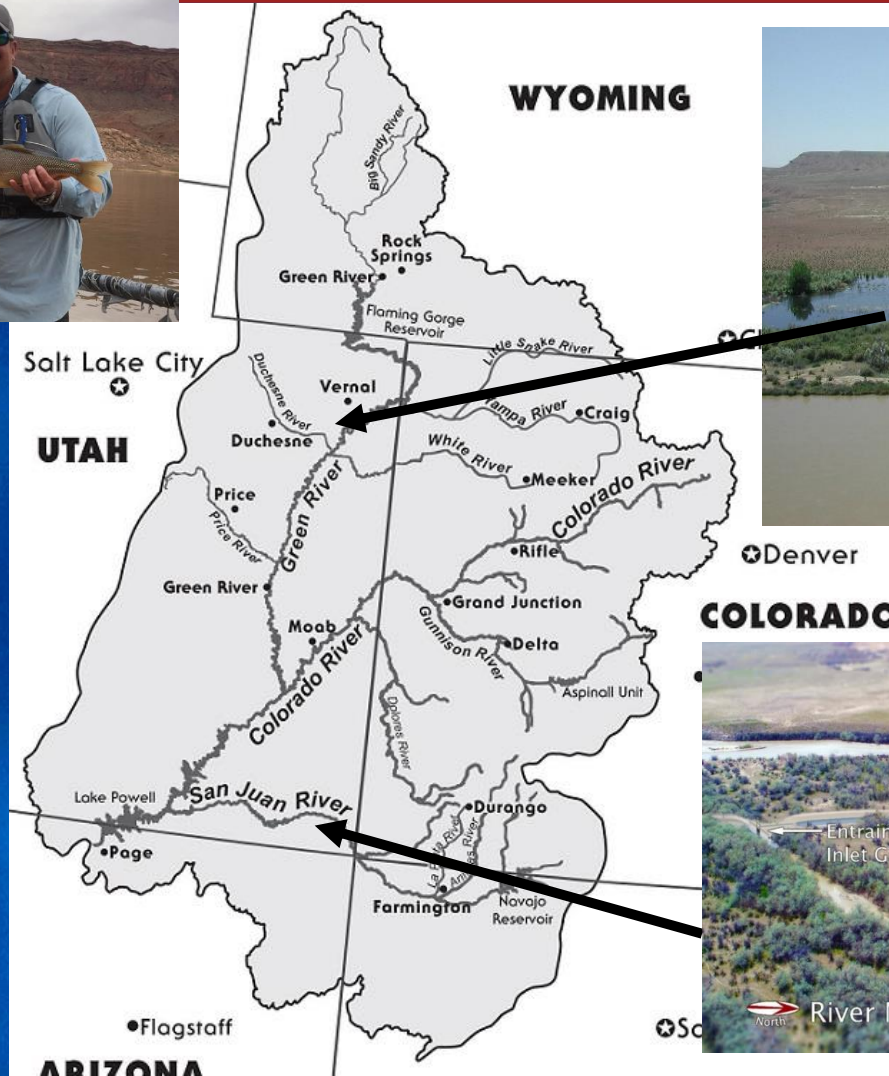
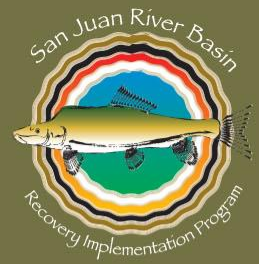


September 1 streamflow as percent of long-term average





Flow and Floodplain Management





ESA (Section 4) Updates: Progress and Projected Timelines



Species	SSA	5-Yr Reviews	PDL + 4(d) rule	Final Rule	Revise Recovery Plan?
Humpback Chub	Complete; 3/2018	Complete; 2011; 3/2018	Publ. in <i>Fed Reg.</i> Jan 22, 2020; publ. comm period closed	Final Rule has been drafted; awaiting RD approval	Yes – after Final Rule clears region and draft RtoC submitted
Razorback Sucker	Complete; 9/2018	Complete; 2012; 9/2018	Recently responded to Director's comments. Publish in early 2021	Depends on scope and breadth of comments	Yes – to occur after Final Rule is complete
Colorado Pikeminnow	Complete 04/20	May / June 2020	N/A - Remains Endangered	N/A	Recovery Team has been convened.
Bonytail	no	Complete: 2012; 6/2019	N/A - Remains Endangered	N/A	Not recommended at this time; reevaluate at next 5-Yr review

Colorado River Fish Listing Decisions: a Review

Bonytail

Colorado
pikeminnow

Razorback
sucker

Humpback
chub

Endangered

Threatened

Recovered

A species [currently] in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range

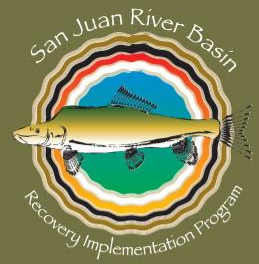
A species likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range

A species not likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range





Future Status of the Programs



Programs' Cooperative Agreements signed through 2023

- PL 116-9 - Authorization for FY20 – FY23
 - Bills require a Report to Congress in FY21
 - Accomplishments
 - Status of the fish
 - Expenditures
 - Post 2023 Activities & costs