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Mr. Bob Leake
Utah State Division of Water Resources
152 East 100 North
City/County Building
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Mr. Leake:

Duchesne County Water Conservancy District (DCWCD) would like to submit the following comments in regard to the meeting held by Mr. Kent Jones, Utah State Engineer, on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at Western Park, Vernal, Utah.

DCWCD would like to emphasize the following three options in regard to protected flows in the Green River for endangered fish species:

(1) In regard to the Flaming Gorge water rights that have already been segregated to DCWCD and Uintah Water Conservancy District (UWCD), the full amount of these segregated water rights should be recognized ahead of the endangered fish flows.

(2) The State of Utah should increase the amount allocated for future water development in the Uintah Basin from 25 c.f.s. to 100 c.f.s. and this amount should be recognized ahead of the endangered fish flows.

(3) The historical flows of the Green River at Jensen should be researched as to late season flow amounts on drought years (as endangered fish populations were still flourishing at that time) and only the amounts shown to be historically present at that time should be protected or considered for endangered fish flows.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this very important issue. If you have any questions in regard to these comments, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 823-5726 or at the DCWCD office at 435-722-4977.

Sincerely,

Randy Crozier,
General Manager

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