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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano, Chairwoman
The Honorable Tom McClintoc, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water and Power
Committee on Natural Resources
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 2288 – An amendment to P.L. 106-392 Continuation of Annual Base Funding for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery Programs.

Dear Chair Napolitano and Congressman McClintoc:

I write to join Utah's Congressional Delegation in support of H.R. 2288 and its companion bill in the U.S. Senate, S. 1453. Enactment of this bill will provide for the continued annual funding of the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs at current levels through fiscal year 2023. These highly successful and widely supported programs are recovering endangered fish species in the Upper Colorado River and San Juan basins while providing compliance with the Endangered Species Act for more than 1,800 federal, tribal and non-federal water projects.

Continuation of annual base funding from Colorado River Storage Project hydroelectric power revenues at the current authorized levels is essential for the programs to provide continuing ESA compliance and to recover the endangered fish species in the basin.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Subcommittee's support for this essential amendment to Public Law 106-392.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

cc: The Honorable Rob Bishop
The Honorable Jim Matheson
The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Governor Bill Ritter
Governor Dave Freudenthal
Governor Bill Richardson