

**UPPER COLORADO RIVER WILD & SCENIC STAKEHOLDERS GROUP  
COOPERATIVE MEASURES COMMITTEE (CMC) CHARTER**

**I. BACKGROUND**

The Upper Colorado River Wild & Scenic Stakeholders Group Management Plan provides for the appointment of a subcommittee to assure a timely and periodic assessment of the need for, focus of, and available opportunities for implementation of Cooperative Measures. Section IV.B.3 of the Plan establishes the Cooperative Measures Committee (CMC) to provide assistance and advice on matters related to cooperative measures

**II. CMC STRUCTURE**

The members of the CMC will voluntarily serve on the committee and membership is not limited. A list of participating members of the committee will be kept and made available to all SG participants. It is the goal of the CMC to include representation from all six Interest Groups.

The CMC members will select a chairperson annually, with such selection being noted in the official minutes of the meeting when elections are held.

The CMC may seek technical assistance and support from other SG Management Plan participants and outside resources.

**III. COMMITTEE PURPOSES**

The CMC will provide assistance and advice to the GC to ensure a timely and periodic assessment of the need for, focus of, and available opportunities for implementation of Cooperative Measures.

**IV. COMMITTEE TASKS**

The following are some of the tasks and activities to be implemented by the CMC:

1. Rigorously explore potential Cooperative Measures that would achieve provisional or final ORV Indicators and/or Resource Guides.
2. Coordinate with other W&S committees on flow-related and other pertinent conditions to identify opportunities as well as potential or immediate threats that could impact ORV Indicators and/or Resource Guides. Identify opportunities and responses to address these situations and implement according to guidelines in Section V below. At the beginning of each calendar

year, the committee will begin using forecasts of April through July undepleted flows at Kremmling and Dotsero as provided by the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (CRBFC) to evaluate the predicted nature of the upcoming hydrologic year in accordance with Section IV.B.2. At each Stakeholder Group meeting the CMC will update the GC on cooperative measures that have been implemented and future cooperative measures that are being considered. The committee will continue to evaluate conditions and adjust cooperative strategies appropriately.

3. Explore development of long-term Cooperative Measures, including measures identified in Section IV.B.7 of the Plan.
4. Keep a record of the concepts discussed regarding the assessment, need for, focus of, and opportunities available for implementation of Cooperative Measures.
5. Provide information on current and forecasted river conditions.
6. Other tasks as deemed appropriate by the CMC to fulfill its purpose and/or as directed by the GC.

#### **V. GUIDELINES**

1. The following are guidelines to be considered by the CMC in developing recommendations for Cooperative Measures: Take in to account the predicted nature of the hydrologic year as well as other factors such as external conditions like extended drought, fire, climate change, etc. when considering implementation of Cooperative Measures.
2. Recognize the opportunistic nature of certain Cooperative Measures, and that such measures may be implemented without full coordination of the SG. Any such activities must be reported on at the next ensuing meeting of the GC.
3. Cooperative Measures must respect the priority system and the operations of water right holders, and will take into account impacts of implementation of the Cooperative Measures on other segments of the Colorado River and its tributaries. Cooperative Measures that would impair water providers' ability to meet their water supply commitments will not be undertaken.
4. Recognize that it may not be possible to implement Cooperative Measures in every year.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES**

The CMC shall meet at least quarterly to assess the need for, focus of, and availability of Cooperative Measures.

Meetings will be open to all interested parties.

Agendas, meeting minutes, reports, and other information will be maintained and furnished to the CMC members at least one week prior to scheduled meetings and to other parties upon request.

The decisions of the committee, including those regarding recommendations to the GC, are by consensus of the CMC members. Any issue that cannot be resolved with consensus agreement shall be brought to the GC for discussion and input.

CMC meetings may be held in person or via conference calls, videoconferences, or other conferencing systems.

Final CMC recommendations will be provided to the GC.