

**UPPER COLORADO RIVER WILD & SCENIC STAKEHOLDERS GROUP
MONITORING COMMITTEE CHARTER**

I. BACKGROUND

The Upper Colorado River Wild & Scenic Stakeholders Group Management Plan (SG Plan) has been developed to monitor and protect the ORVs identified in the BLM Eligibility Reports for Segments 4 through 7 of the Upper Colorado River. The SG Plan includes a Monitoring Plan as well as requirements for periodic reporting to BLM and USFS. The SG Plan provides for the appointment of committees to implement the plan provisions. The Governance Committee (GC) of the Stakeholder Group (SG) established the Monitoring Committee on March 23, 2016 to provide assistance and advice on matters related to monitoring and reporting on ORVs, ORV Indicators and Resource Guides.

II. MONITORING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The members of the Monitoring Committee 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.

Monitoring Committee members will select a **chair** and **co-chair** in the first quarter each year, with such selection being noted in the official minutes of the meeting when elections are held.

The Monitoring Committee may seek technical assistance from other SG Plan participants and/or recommend hiring consultants to perform specific tasks, subject to GC approval.

III. COMMITTEE PURPOSES

The Monitoring Committee will provide assistance and advice to the GC to ensure a Monitoring Plan is developed and implemented according to SG Plan provisions, particularly as outlined in Section V. of the SG Plan, and that a timely annual Monitoring Report is completed. The following are some of the guidelines, tasks, and activities to be considered by the Monitoring Committee:

1. Annually determine the predicted W&S Year Type for April 1st using Colorado Basin River Forecast Center data and inform the SG via email in a timely manner. The predicted W&S Year Type is used to inform the

upcoming year's discussion about Cooperative Measures and monitoring activities. Actual measured flow data will be used at the end of the W&S water year for evaluation of ORV Indicators and/or Resource Guides.

2. Develop an annual monitoring plan for ORV Indicators and Resource Guides for the predicted W&S water year including budget estimates for all monitoring and evaluation activities. The Monitoring Committee will aim to coordinate with other committees on development of this plan.
3. Compile and maintain the annual hydrographic record for W&S Segments 4 – 7.
4. Provisional Period Monitoring Plan: During the 3-to-5 year provisional period, participants will collect and analyze data specified in the Monitoring Plan to support the SG in monitoring, evaluating, and revising if necessary the provisional ORV Indicators and Resource Guides. Data gathered during the provisional period will also help characterize existing conditions for many parameters.
5. Long-Term Monitoring Plan: The SG will use the results from the Provisional Period Monitoring Plan to develop final ORV Indicators and Resource Guides. Recommendations for revising the Provisional Period Monitoring Plan will be made to the SG, if necessary, to prescribe monitoring measures for the ORV Indicators and Resource Guides under the Long-Term Monitoring Plan.
6. Produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) describing data collected during the previous W&S water year. The SG will aim to approve the AMR at the June meeting. This report will be provided to all stakeholders, CWCB, USFS, and BLM.
7. Other tasks as directed by the GC.

IV. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

The Monitoring Committee will meet quarterly or more frequently, as deemed necessary to assess or conduct monitoring of ORVs, ORV Indicators and Resource Guides.

Meetings are open to all interested parties.

Agendas, meeting minutes, reports, and other information will be furnished to the Monitoring Committee members at least one week prior to scheduled meetings and to other parties upon request. Agendas and past minutes will also be posted on the SG website.

The decisions and recommendations of the Monitoring Committee are by consensus. Any issues that cannot be resolved by consensus shall be brought to the GC.

Monitoring Committee meetings may be held in person or via conference calls, videoconferences, or other conferencing methods.