

TWG KAS Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations Regarding Kanab Ambersnails at Vaseys Paradise

Research and Monitoring

- Implement low-impact monitoring of VP and translocated populations
- Model habitat and population responses to environmental change
- Seek funding outside the AMP for expanded taxonomic studies
- Continue using captive populations for research when needed
- Continue search for other present and past KAS populations

Moving Snails

- Do not routinely move snails & habitat up slope during floods
- Do not establish new populations before the new Recovery Plan
- Conduct risk/benefit analysis before augmenting populations*
- Do not stock a translocation site from multiple founder populations
- Avoid moving parasitized snails to new locations
- Do not release snails from captive populations
- Develop criteria for determining successful establishment*

Planning and Compliance

- Continue planning and compliance for flows above 45,000 cfs
- Develop Recovery Implementation Plan as soon as possible
- Develop new Recovery Plan when taxonomic questions are resolved
- Ensure broad peer review of draft new Recovery Plan
- Develop acceptable means to meet incidental take requirements
- Consult on the proposed new program of experimental flows
- Adopt & incorporate these recommendations into the AMP strategic plan

* Tasks that need to be completed before writing a biological opinion for new experimental flows