

Endangered June Sucker



On May 26, 2015, Jennifer Gimbel, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science visited the Provo Area Office in Provo, Utah. She was able to see the endangered June sucker fish spawning in its natural habitat. The purpose of her visit was to initiate the Provo River Delta Restoration Project (PRDRP). Representing the Department of the Interior, Jennifer and Michael Weland of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission signed separate Records of Decision to implement the PRDRP. The project has been many years coming.

The PRDRP is being developed as part of the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program for the endangered June sucker fish. The program consists of representatives from several entities including Reclamation, Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) Office, Mitigation Commission, and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The June sucker exists naturally only in Utah Lake and spawns primarily in the lower Provo River, a Utah Lake tributary. Monitoring indicates young June sucker hatching in the lower Provo River do not survive to the adult stage due to habitat inadequacies in the river and its interface with Utah Lake related to flow, food supply, and shelter.

The PRDRP will restore the lower Provo River to a more natural ecosystem by acquiring 310 acres of land and reestablishing the river in its original water courses. The delta and associated habitat will provide needed habitat for the recovery of the endangered June sucker.



The purposes of the PRDRP are to:

1. Implement the specific criteria of the June Sucker Recovery Plan to restore a naturally functioning Provo River delta ecosystem essential for recruitment of June sucker;
2. Provide recreational improvements and opportunities associated with the Project; and
3. Adopt flow regime targets for the lower Provo River and provide delivery of supplemental water to the lower Provo River, including additional conserved water.



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Catch a Special Thrill Navajo Lake State Park



The May 9, 2015, skies dawned dark with storm clouds across northwest New Mexico. The sun wanted to shine over Navajo Lake, but as volunteers for the 2015 Navajo Lake C.A.S.T. for Kids Event began to organize and set up tables, the sky let loose with rain...lots of rain! Staff at the marina quickly checked local radar and confirmed that the worst was yet to come. Time to regroup!

Would anyone show up? If they did, how would the event be managed? Enter "Plan B."

Eighty very dedicated volunteers believed in the program so much that they knew they could make this event yet another success, regardless of the adverse weather.

As the rain was joined by hail, the registration area was moved to the very small Navajo Lake State Park Visitors' Center at the Park's entrance. Without a foot to spare, everyone crammed into the Visitors' Center and set up for registration.



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Then, right on cue, in walked the first participant!! Cheers roared as volunteers clapped for this first arrival. Before long, a second participant showed up. In the end, twenty-three participants made it out to Navajo Lake for this fishing and fun event.

A small area in the Visitors' Center was cleared for pictures of each participant with their assigned boat captain and Lenny the Lizard. Volunteers from a local Walmart store handed out snack-sacks to each participant. Volunteers from the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) of Piedra Vista High School in Farmington, New Mexico, made sure fishing rods were rigged up and ready for fishing as each participant left the building.

By this time, the rains had slowed down but going out on the boats was not looking good. Reports were coming in that the water was too rough. Pine Marina has made some wonderful improvements over the last year and the owner was excited to let the participant's fish from the marina. Some of the fifty-five boat captains and their crews were able to actually take their participants into their boats, which remained docked in the marina slips. Others gathered around a perfect hole to FISH.

The rain seemed to know that it was time to stop so the kids could enjoy fishing. And YES!! They were fishing!!! And more, they were CATCHING! They were catching lots of fish!!! The families that braved the weather to bring their participants to the event were happy. And most of all, the participants had the biggest smiles of all on their faces!!

The fire department put their fire boat in the water and provided a show for group, spraying water high in the air. The weather even allowed them to give the participants a short ride. What a treat for them all to ride on the fire boat and see the San Juan County Sheriff's boat! The Sheriff's Department helicopter flew overhead signaling it was about time for lunch, and as everyone made their way to the picnic area, the rain began to fall once again. Halliburton employees had set up and prepared a delicious, nutritious, and welcome warm lunch, which everyone enjoyed.

Once again it seemed, the rain knew that a break was needed for presentation of awards, recognitions, and saying some huge thank you to those that withstood the weather and pulled off this amazing day together for all the participants. By the time everyone started going home, it was turning cold. As the participants watched the San Juan County Sheriff's helicopter take off, they gathered their tokens from the day, took their happy memories and headed home.

We hope to see them all next year Mother's Day weekend at Navajo Lake.

Photos below



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Non-Federal Hydropower Development in the Upper Colorado Region



By Rick Clayton
General Engineer

Did you know that Reclamation's Upper Colorado Region is the leading developer of non-federal hydropower on Reclamation Facilities? It is. Reclamation's Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) program allows private entities to enter into contracts with the United States to construct and operate private hydropower facilities on our many of our Reclamation Facilities. The program helps facilitate the development of new hydropower by taking advantage of sites where, through Reclamation meeting its mission of delivering water to our customers, water is either is stored (i.e. behind a dam) or falls through a drop structure.

The program works by developing a cooperative partnership among Reclamation, the project operation and maintenance entities and in many cases a private entity all working together to bring a potential hydropower location into reality.

The Upper Colorado Region currently has 8 small non-federal hydropower facilities constructed and operating on Reclamation owned facilities. This spring, 2 new facilities on the Uncompahgre Project in western Colorado are scheduled to be



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commissioned and begin generating power which will start servicing customers in the west. There are 2 other non-federal hydro facilities projected to be completed in 2016 and there is interest in several other sites within the Upper Colorado Region. No other region even comes close to having this many LOPP facilities.

The successful implementation of the LOPP program in the Upper Colorado Region is just one of many examples where Reclamation is leading the development of renewable resources in the West and this is something we can all take pride in here in the UC Region.

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WCAO Ropes Team Completes Annual Training



On May 14, 2015, members of the Western Colorado Area Office Rope Access Team completed their annual training at Crystal Dam in Montrose, Colo. The training keeps employees up to date on techniques and equipment used for rope support work. Ropes training covers climbing safety and hazards; the use, limitations, inspection, and maintenance of equipment; and basic climbing and self-rescue techniques.



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Rope work is needed to perform work on high angle slopes, where the rope is the primary means of support, and where the employee must manipulate the rope and its attachments while using technical climbing techniques to obtain access to the work area. Jobs that require rope work include: high scaling, geologic mapping, rock bolting, structural inspections, construction, operations, and maintenance activities.

Training was completed by Josh Dunham, Randy Green, Vern Harrell, Phil Ipson, and Jerry Tensfield.



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Upper Colorado 2015 Aspiring Leadership Training



The Upper Colorado Leadership Team developed a number of regional leadership programs to develop future leaders and improve the leadership skills. On February 24, 2015, was the first session of the Aspiring Leaders module of the program that aims at developing future leaders by providing a 6-day, 2-session, course for selected employees to develop and sharpen their leadership skills through formal and informal training, details/shadowing assignments, and other continuous learning activities. The first session started on February 24 through 26th, and the second session started on June 23 through 25th.

Here is a synopsis of responses that individuals took out of the class and hopefully it encourages future interest for potential enrollees in this program, as it's a wonderful tool that everyone should take advantage of. Enjoy!

"I truly appreciated the insight into management from all of those that came to share their personal experience. The overall message that I was able to take out of it all is that although leading is ultimately rewarding it can also be extremely hard, but there is plethora of resources available to help along the way to ensure your success." - Zack Wood

"As we look to become managers, we have to be honest about why we want to be in a management position. The reasons can't be for the money or to check a box. We have to be prepared to not only manage our careers, but the careers of others. If we are not prepared to do that, then we are not ready to be managers." - Tawnya Coulter

"More often than not, we attend functional training and associate primarily with our functional peer which is very valuable. This training provided an equally valuable experience of attending training with and getting to know our peers across the Region from a very broad cross section of functions. In addition to building networks and relationships, the training provided us with a lot of perspective and many different tools and knowledge that we can use now and in the future." – Sabra Ferre



“Everyone has the capacity to be a leader by influencing and inspiring those around them and encouraging it in others.” – Amee Andreason

“You don’t need a title to be a leader.” – Brian Hart

“Leadership is something that we do, not a title that we have.” – Kris Brady

The next session will be announced in November of this year. Watch for the announcement and come and join us.

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WCAO Participates in International Tour



Western Colorado Area Office employees Rocky Dial, Tom Fowlds, and Phil Ipson assisted with tours of Ridgway and Silver Jack Dams for the Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) International Technical Seminar and Study Tour. The tour was on Monday, June 8, 2015, and featured a tour of the dam facilities, presentations about project statistics, and highlighted some of the key dam safety studies that have been completed at the dams.

This tour was part of the 26th Annual SEED Seminar Study Tour hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation’s International Affairs Office. The seminar is designed for managers, administrators, engineers, and geologists responsible for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and safety of dams. This year there were 26 participants from 13 countries, including Australia, Canada, Cameroon, Columbia, France, Ghana, Kenya, Korea, Nigeria, Paraguay, South Africa, Suriname, and Sweden.

The first week of the seminar is in Denver, Colorado. Participants attended classroom presentations, discussions, and a tour of Reclamation Research Laboratories at the Denver Federal Center.

The study tour focused on the Upper Colorado Region, with a site visits to Ridgway Dam, Silver Jack Dam, Morrow Point Dam, and Blue Mesa Dam.



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Safety Campaign for July – Summer Activity Safety Reminder



As the temperatures rise during the summer, we all start venturing outside to participate in summer celebrations and summer activities. Below are some safety statistics and best practices to remind you of some potential safety hazards you may encounter this summer. Make sure to be careful this summer so you don't end up being a statistic next year.

Did you know that . . .

1. Each year in the United States there are between 7,000 and 11,500 injuries requiring emergency room visits caused by firework mishaps and that 65 percent of these mishaps happen within 30 days of the 4th of July? Think twice about using fireworks this year. Better to let the professionals put on the show.
2. About 7,000 children per year and over 47,000 people over all in the United States are injured by lawn mowers? Since 2004, over 80,000 people have sustained injuries from lawn mower accidents that required hospitalization. Make sure children are properly supervised. Always use safety glasses and closed toe shoes when operating a lawn mower.
3. Every year in the United States, thousands of burn injuries occur as a result of using improper lighter fluids to start barbecues? Be sure that the lighter fluid you are using to start charcoal is approved for that use. Most flammable solvents are NOT approved to be used to start charcoal. White gas or gasoline is NOT a proper lighter fluid for charcoal. Always use barbecue mitts when lighting charcoal and never add lighter fluid to charcoal that is already burning.

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From Watershed to the Faucet: The Path of Salt Lake City Drinking Water



When we turn on our faucets at home we expect water to come rushing out of them on demand. It's easy not to think about where that water comes from or how it's treated. But with climate change and persistent droughts across the West, many city water managers have to find creative ways to supply growing populations with the water they need. We continue our series, *Utah's Uncertain Water Future*, with a look at the sophisticated system that brings clean drinking water to the residents of Salt Lake City.

City Creek, Parleys, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons are the water sheds Salt Lake City depends on for drinking water. Laura Briefer is the water resources manager for the city. She says our population is extremely fortunate to have such access to such clean sources.

“A drop of water would come down Big Cottonwood Stream, go into our water treatment plant at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, into our water distribution system and then ultimately to our taps in the Salt Lake Valley. It takes about 24 hours for that drop to make that journey,” says Briefer.

Just last month, city water managers took the Big Cottonwood Canyon water treatment plant off line to make some improvements. A brand new water intake structure was built as a first line of defense against unwanted particles. Bill Meyer is a water treatment plant manager for Salt Lake City.



“We try to remove as much of the debris before it goes into the facility and then of course the treatment process starts there. The old one like I said only could remove the sands and rocks and so on and so forth. The way this one is designed is that it will remove all of the vegetation as well because of the one millimeter screens we’re putting in. So we will only get basically water coming into the facility,” says Meyer.

The filtration process continues inside the building and then the water is chemically treated.

“We do generate our own chlorine here on site so it’s a weak solution, it’s very safe to use and of course it keeps us from smelling like chlorine all the time – like a pool in here which is nice. Once that’s done we add ferric, which is right here and then we flash mix it. These big mixers in here stir this up very rapidly to bring all of that together,” says Meyer.

Meyer says the ferric has a positive charge that helps pull microscopic solids out of the water. A small amount of lime is added for PH adjustment. Workers also insert fluoride at the end of the process. All of the valves in the filter building were recently refurbished or replaced. Meyer says that improvement will dramatically increase efficiency in the filtration process.

“Well, we were losing a lot of water. It turns out to be about 250,000 dollars’ worth of chemical and electrical costs it was charging us on just water loss returned back to the facility because we don’t really lose our water, we just have to retreat it. So we decided to stop that by replacing and refurbishing all of the valves in this filter building,” says Meyer.

Once the treated water leaves the plant, it’s channeled into the city’s vast pipe infrastructure and eventually makes it way to the taps of Salt Lake residents. But not every city in the U.S. has the ample surface water resources of the Wasatch Front. Severe drought in south and west has forced municipalities to find unorthodox ways to meet drinking water demand. The city of Wichita Falls in north Texas recently found itself in a crippling drought that was drying up the two lakes it depends on for its drinking water.

“By the end of 2011 we were nearing fifty percent in our combined capacity. Over the next few years up to date, we’ve actually dropped from fifty percent down to the low twenties,” said Mark Southard, Water Purification Manager for Wichita Falls.

With his city facing a serious crisis, Southard and other water managers implemented a program that now recycles human waste water and blends it with lake water to produce the city’s drinking water supply. Southard says public reaction has been mostly positive.

“We’ve heard a lot of comments from people that say they actually think the water tastes better with fifty percent reverse osmosis blended with fifty percent raw lake water. So, we’ve had some very positive comments even after the water’s gone out to the public,” says Southard.

Waste water recycling is a strategy more cities are willing to consider as surface water sources shrink. It’s not a choice that Salt Lake City currently has to consider, but a dry winter and lean snowpack have forced city officials to acknowledge that we are facing a drought. The city issued a stage one water advisory recently asking to residents to practice conservation. But Laura Briefer says that for now enough water is stored to meet the challenge.

“We have participated in the development of the Deer Creek and the Jordanelle system in the Provo River drainage and right now the capacity of that reservoir system is about ninety seven percent. Last



year we really managed our sources of water to carry over some of that storage capacity in case we had a drought this year,” says Briefer.

Briefer says climate change will be the factor that has greatest influence on how many cities develop strategies to face water challenges. That means that even though we still get water on demand, we need to start paying more attention to how much we use and stop taking this precious resource for granted.

For more information, visit [KUER](#).

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"Water is Life" by Daniel Picard



Greetings again, from the Front Office!! I am beginning to feel more and more at home here, in my position as the Deputy Regional Director, as well as just feeling more at home in general. I have been with you now for 6 months, and I continue to enjoy myself, as well as being amazed by the great work that we do as an agency. I have had an opportunity to reflect on my personal passions, as well as my upbringing, of late. I thought that I might share a few thoughts with you this month, in that regard.

I recently had the opportunity to speak at a Native American youth gathering, put on by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and supported quite effectively by the Bureau of Reclamation. It is a program that we, as an agency, have been involved with for a few years now. It is a tremendous opportunity for us as an agency, and as general members of society as a whole, to become involved in the positive influencing of youth in the surrounding communities. The program went quite well, and had good participation from tribes and tribal youth from the local area, as well as great participation and support from a number of federal agencies and partners, including the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, and the BLM. Again, the preparation for the program, and my speaking assignment, gave me the opportunity to reflect on a number of things - not the least of which, who I have become at this point in my life, and who I believe that we are as an agency. First, to take a step back into my personal past . . .

I was born and raised in north central Idaho, on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, among beautiful surroundings. Mountains, tall pine trees, deep valleys, and beautifully clear rivers, lakes, and streams, were my childhood playground. The Nez Perce Tribe, being from the inland northwest and having lived for centuries along the Columbia, Snake, Clearwater, and Salmon Rivers of the northwest, has been described by historians as a "salmon tribe". Each spring, tribal members would travel down these rivers to the mouth of the Columbia, at the Pacific Ocean, and then follow the salmon migration inland, back to their homeland of the interior northwest. Each spring, from time immemorial, the tribe would hold ceremonial gatherings termed "Root Feasts". At these gatherings, the tribe would celebrate the renewal of life, thanking their creator for the coming of the spring, the return of the flowers, roots and berries, and the animals - particularly the salmon, which sustained "life" for the tribe. Each of these life sustaining items would be prepared at the Spring Root Feast, and the tables would be prepared and set in preparation of this yearly thanksgiving. The tables would be overflowing with a wondrous array of food - elk and



deer meat, roots and berries, breads, and of course salmon. At each place setting there would be a small cup that would contain a small portion of water. Prayers would be offered, and thanks given - again, for the renewal of life, and the life sustaining foods. The individual conducting the ceremony would then loudly pronounce to the gathering, the single word “Koos: (which in the Nez Perce language means “water”). The entire gathering would then repeat the word, together in unison, “Koos”. The small portion of water in the cup would then be consumed, and everyone seated for the feast. The important point to this personal story, following the thanksgiving for the many bounties, and prior to the beginning of the feast, thanks was given for that which sustains all life, “Koos”, for water is life!!!

That is a part of my personal “being”, which I chose to share with you this month. A part of me, which I am thankful that you personally, and we as an organization, share in common. I believe that we have a deep love and concern for that which sustains us all, water. I have suggested previously, that my life has really come “full circle”, as far as my career path is concerned. I began my federal career as a federal attorney, practicing to protect and enhance the water rights and water resources of the people of this Nation. I believe that you share in my passion, and commitment, to continue to do just that. If you do not yet have an individual “passion” for our role as a federal agency, I would invite you to research more into the history of the west, and particularly the history of the water development of the arid west, which will have Reclamation as an integral part of our Nation's history.

We do great work, and I am excited and humbled to be here with you, continuing to build our agency's legacy in this role, water resources development and protection. For water is life!!

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Who's New

Christopher Watt

Christopher Watt - Upper Colorado Regional Office - Public Affairs Specialist



I am a member of the great Upper Colorado Region Public Affairs team in Salt Lake City. I have worked for Reclamation for about four months. I have worked in public affairs for more than 13 years including 2 years as a civilian public affairs specialist for the Department of the Navy and 11 years as an active-duty public affairs officer for the U.S. Air Force. I am trained for and have experience in both military and civilian media relations, community relations, environmental issue communications and emergency management public information officer duties and have applied those skills to local and international issues and events while serving in Japan, Germany, England, Florida, California and Virginia. I also used those skills in international peacekeeping and combat operational environments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Romania and Saudi Arabia.

I earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Film from Brigham Young University where I was also commissioned an Air Force officer through BYU ROTC. Since leaving the Air Force, I have written and/or illustrated three children's books that are now published through Amazon.com. My wife and I have



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two young adult children that pretty much grew up overseas and are enjoying the opportunity to “tour their homeland” now that we are back in the United States.

I am excited to learn about and spread the word of all the great things Reclamation does in this region. If there is any way I can assist you in accomplishing your mission and goals, please do not hesitate to ask. If I don't have the information you need, I will find out who does. We are here to support you.

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Juddson Sechrist

Juddson Sechrist - Albuquerque Area Office – Supervisor, Environmental Resource Monitoring Group



Juddson Sechrist, a long time Reclamation employee, is the new Group Supervisor for the Environment and Lands Division. Judd started his career at Reclamation as a contractor for three years, as part of an internship, then got a full time job as a Reclamation Fisheries Biologist in 2003 in the Denver Office.

“My family includes my wife, Claire, a one year old son, Max, a German Shepherd, Jack, and a cat, Bear. I enjoy spending time with them and doing things outdoors, like hunting, fishing, kayaking, and winter sports. I also have two motorcycles. Claire is from Calgary, Alberta, and works as a nurse on a medical surgical floor. She has an interesting hobby – she is an ultramarathoner! She’s completed two ultramarathons, and is currently training for her third. She has run up to 110 miles in 36 hours.

I have done a lot of field studies and research on the Rio Grande. I am pretty handy and renovated our last house. My hobbies include cooking, fishing, and hanging out with the family. I speak English, as well as a sprinkling of Spanish. My favorite authors include Ernest Hemingway and William Faulkner. I also enjoy “nerdy” sci-fi compilations as well as sci-fi movies. My favorite character is Jeffrey Lebowski from The Big Lebowski. I like all kinds of music, really, alternative country to electronic. I played the saxophone in band, but that was about a million years ago. I don’t think I would even know what to do with one now.

If I could be anywhere, doing anything, I’d be fishing on the Green River below Flaming Gorge, on a perfect day in April. If I had to describe myself in one word, it would be adaptable. My favorite quote is by Tennessee Williams – “Make voyages. Attempt them. There is nothing else.””

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Leslie Bennett

Leslie Bennett – Upper Colorado Regional Office – Secretary, RMD, ERD, and PAO



I was reinstated with the Bureau of Reclamation after a 14 year break in service. I started my Federal Service in 1989 at the Weber Basin Job Corps Center and then worked for the Power Office. I feel very fortunate to be back with the Bureau of Reclamation and especially in the Resources Management Division. I'm looking forward to what the next 20 years of career service will bring!

Outside of work I'm a bit of an adrenaline junkie. I'm obsessed with road biking, hiking/canyoneering, camping, boating and dabbling in triathlons. I have four children 24, 20, 15, and 9. They keep me hopping and I'm very grateful to have such fun kids! I have a long bucket list that I'm crossing off and adding to all the time. If you have fun new ideas to add to it – let me know



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In Transition

Andy Baca of Four Corners Construction Office Retires



The Four Corners Construction Office (FCCO) would like to thank Andy for his outstanding contributions to our area projects. His skills and dedication over the last 29 years are greatly appreciated. May 29, 2015 was Andy's last day with the Bureau of Reclamation. Andy's Federal services started as a student with the U.S. Forest Service in 1966. He was in the army from 1968 -1972. Andy worked for several contractors as a surveyor on Reclamation projects prior to returning to civil service, working for the Bureau of Reclamation as Construction Inspector in Cortez from 1986 -1993. He had a 2-month detail as a Survey Technician, also at Cortez. In 1993,

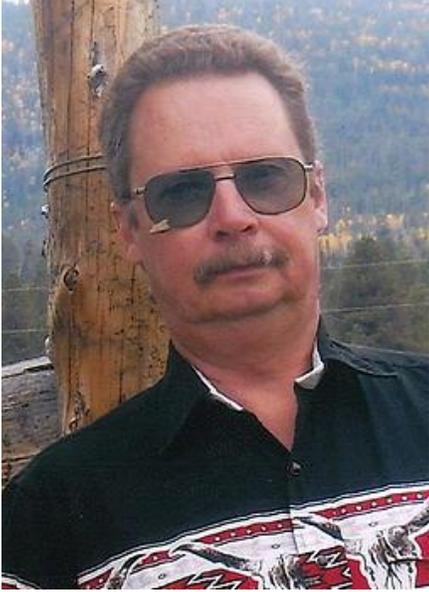
Andy came to work at the FCCO (then known as the Farmington Construction Office) where he has been a Construction Representative and Civil Engineering Technician. He worked at the Animas-La Plata Project Office from 2002 to 2014, then detailed to the Western Colorado Area Office Southern Division. Andy has worked on The Dolores Project, Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Safety of Dams Program with Round Rock Dam, Ganado Dam and Many Farms Dam, as well as numerous other projects and details. Andy, Best Wishes and Good Luck on your continuing adventures!

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William Dallas Schwartz



William Dallas Schwartz, better known as Bill, Dad, Grandpa, and Loving Husband, was born on May 22, 1961. His humble beginning in Berwyn, Illinois lead to a childhood of adventure. He was forced to grow up quickly when his mother died suddenly at the young age of 36. Bill was a jack of all trades from painter and butcher to self-taught mechanic. He joined the Navy in 1984 and found his life calling as a nuclear electrician. His service in the U.S. Navy consisted of months of tight quarters under the sea on the U.S.S. Lewis and Clarke. He saw many countries during his service in the Persian-Gulf war. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1995, but couldn't keep away from the water. He settled in Dutch John, Utah where he could be at the lake in any spare time he had. He worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as an electrician. He became an invaluable employee, foreman and friend to those he worked with. His constant desire to learn and grow has made him the "go-to" person for many. We know that he will be watching over and protecting us along with those who went before him; his mother Verita (Minnie) Schwartz who passed in 1968 and father Donald

Joseph Schwartz who passed 2003. On the afternoon of June 6th 2015 at the young age of 54 he passed away leaving behind his wife and true love Patty Schwartz, his son and daughter-in-law Michael (Brady) and Jaime Schwartz, his daughter Alyssa Schwartz, his three granddaughters; Oaklee, Claire, and Miley, his brother, sister-in-law, and nephew Jeff, Caroline, and Damien Schwartz, and his friends that he loved and considered his own kids; Kenzie, Cameron, and Zach Jones. As well as his Patty's family who loved him as their own son and brother.

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Jason Lynn Thiriot



Jason Lynn Thiriot, age 40, had a cardiac arrest and made his final hook shot in this earthly life. He returned to his loving Heavenly Father on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2015. Jason was born on September 18, 1974 in St. George, Utah to Roger Dean and Bonnie Bracken Thiriot. He married his Sweet Pea, Crystal Whitehead, in the St. George Utah Temple on March 15, 1997 for time and all eternity. Jason's early years were spent in Las Vegas, Nevada and later in St. George, Utah. He graduated from Dixie High School and served as a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Bahia Blanca Argentina mission. He continued to serve faithfully his entire life. He was a true disciple of Jesus Christ - whether as a scout master, Elders' Quorum President, Bishopric member, Sunday Schoolteacher, youth leader or home teacher. Each call to serve was fulfilled with love and enthusiasm. Jason spent countless hours in the service of his friends, family and neighbors. He graduated from Dixie College and the University of

Nevada Las Vegas {UNLV}. Jason was employed as a Natural Resource Analyst for the Colorado River Commission of Nevada. Jason was an Eagle Scout and served honorably as a translator/interpreter in the



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Utah Army National Guard 141st Battalion. One of Jason's many talents was the ability to organize and motivate all those around him to accomplish things which would otherwise seem unattainable. He often said, "Many hands make light work!" His infectious laugh and sense of humor could not be denied. He had a quick smile for all those lucky enough to be in his presence. Jason had the ability to make each individual feel as though they were the most important person in the room.

His family was the absolute focus and priority of his life. Jason was a dedicated, kind, loving, devoted husband, father, brother and uncle. He supported his wife and children in every way as a father, role model and friend. Jason was the light of his children's lives. He was truly their hero in every way, but mostly because of his rock-solid testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the way he led his family as a righteous priesthood holder. Jason is now reunited with his parents, Roger Dean Thiriot and Bonnie LaRee Bracken Thiriot. He is survived by his wife, Crystal Thiriot; his children, Jayden (15), Bonnie (13), Carter (10), Wade (7) and Brooke (3); and his band of brothers, Bryan (Kathy), Nathan (Alysia), Bryce (Susan), Jarren and Jon.

Please send any thoughts, wishes and favorite memories of Jason to jasonthiriotmemories@gmail.com.

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Glendon Wesley Peysar Sr.



Our loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Glendon Wesley Peysar Sr. passed away on June 26, 2015. He was born on August 28, 1926 "year of our Lord A.D." in Aitkin, Minnesota to Charles and Tillie Olson Peysar. He married his sweetheart, Ellen Rose Goalen on September 19, 1949.

He served his country proudly in the U.S Navy on the USS Wasp during WWII. He received a Purple Heart for his service. Glen was State Commander of the American Legion in 1960, safety officer at HAFB, worked for the Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of East Canyon, Willard Bay and Causey Dams and helped in the restoration of Camp Floyd. He was also a Deputy Sheriff for Tooele County.

Glen enjoyed skiing, woodworking, rollerblading and bicycling. He enjoyed traveling and making trips to Wendover. Glen's main passion was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years; children, Glendon Glen (Debbie) Peysar Jr., Nancy (Wayne) Pladas and Keely (Todd) Draper; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Evelyn (Vicki) Williams, Patricia Henry, Charlotte Skube, Lynn Deal, George Peysar and Lannie Peysar, Carol Peysar and Judy Peysar.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Luther and Robert; sister, Alva and granddaughter, Angel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.myers-mortuary.com

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Francis Marion Warnick



Francis Marion Warnick was born October 17, 1916, in Deseret, Utah to Parley Peter and Grace Cropper Warnick. He graduated from Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) in Logan, Utah in 1938 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and was employed at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 36 years helping develop the water resources of the western United States. He married Loal Beck in 1939 in the Manti Utah LDS Temple. They are the parents of four children: Bonnie (David) Badger of Nampa, ID, Ray Beck (Myrna) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Jolene (Jim) Ficklin of Las Cruces, NM and Christine Christensen married to Mike Murphy of Blanding, Utah. They have 15 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. At the Bureau of Reclamation he was a contributor to the planning and construction of the Weber Basin Reclamation Project. He also served as a consultant to the National Water Resources Commission, the Taiwanese Government and the country of Honduras. He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, an active member of the Ogden Engineer Club, served on the North Ogden Planning Commission for 11 years and was mayor of North Ogden for four years. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many church callings, including ordinance worker for 5 ½ years in the Ogden Utah LDS Temple and 18 months as a service missionary to the church for water resource matters. Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Loal; son Ray; granddaughter Robin Warnick; brothers Calvin and Waldo, and grandson-in-law Allen Gunoe. He is survived by his daughters: Bonnie, Jolene and Christine and his many grand, great and great-great grandchildren. Francis passed away at home on the morning of June 13, 2015. The family is very grateful to St. Alphonsus Hospice and caregivers, Sara, Kelly and Lenora for the kind and compassionate care and assistance given during his last months.

Condolences may be expressed at zeyerfuneralchapel.com .

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Here's this week's set of questions:

1. The study tour focused on the Upper Colorado Region, with a site visits to _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. What does PRDRP stand for?
3. Where did the Western Colorado Area Office Rope Access Team complete their training?

Last week, We asked,

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