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RE: Draft Revised Recovery Plan for Colorado Pikeminnow

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Department appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Revised Colorado Pikeminnow Recovery Plan published November 28, 2022. The Department agrees with the need to update the 2002 recovery plan and a Department biologist was actively involved in the development of the most recent draft as a member of the Colorado Pikeminnow Recovery Team. The draft revised recovery plan provides clear and measurable criteria for downlisting and delisting that represents the most up-to-date scientific information on the species.

We support the publication of a final plan and believe it will benefit the continued recovery of Colorado Pikeminnow. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Zeigler, Colorado River Basin Supervisor at matthew.zeigler@dgf.nm.gov or 505-412-3090.

Sincerely,

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