



CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

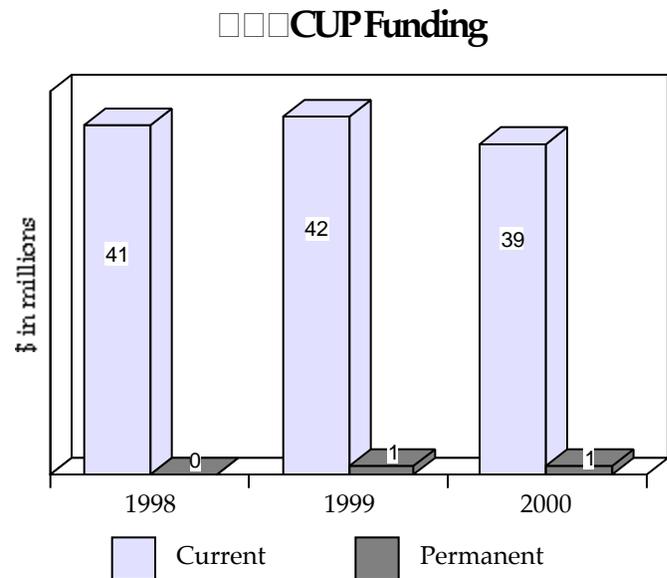
Mission - The purpose of this program is to complete the Central Utah Project in a timely and environmentally sound manner.

Program Overview - The Central Utah Project Completion Act provides for completion of the CUP by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The Completion Act also authorizes funding for fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation activities; establishes the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission to oversee implementation of those activities; and authorizes funding for the Ute Indian Rights Settlement. A Program Office located in Provo, Utah, provides liaison with the District, Commission, and Ute Indian Tribe, and otherwise assists in carrying out responsibilities of the Secretary.

The Completion Act became law in October 1992 after several years of debate regarding how to complete the CUP and resolve related claims of the Ute Indian Tribe. From 1994 through 1999, \$237.4 million has been appropriated through this program for use by the District, Commission, and Program Office to implement provisions of the Completion Act, and for work on facilities to serve water users in the Uinta Basin.

Accomplishments through 1998 include: completion of construction of the Lower Diamond Fork Pipeline; completion of preconstruction work on the Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project; implementation of 18 water conservation measures that conserve a total of 14,000 acre-feet of water annually; initiation of a project for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Salt Lake County; and substantial progress on a variety of activities funded by the Commission focused on habitat restoration in several key watersheds in central Utah.

A draft EIS on the Spanish Fork Canyon/Nephi Irrigation (SFN) System and the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork System was filed in March 1998. Comments on the draft EIS identified significant issues related to the SFN System but no opposition to completing the Diamond Fork System using the Diamond Fork Tunnel



alternative. As a result, a decision has been made to complete NEPA compliance on the Diamond Fork System, but to initiate a new planning and NEPA process with public involvement on facilities to deliver water to lands in the Utah Lake drainage basin. In addition, in June 1998 the Department suspended work on Uinta Basin facilities until the State and Tribe ratify a compact, or until all parties otherwise agree on how those facilities are to be used.

Budget Overview - Total budget authority for this program in 2000 is \$40.5 million. This includes a request in the President's Budget of \$39.4 million, a decrease of \$3.1 million from 1999. As described in the following detail, the 2000 request includes \$18.6 million for the District to initiate construction on the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork System and continue work on its other projects; \$12.0 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Commission; \$2.0 million for modifications to existing facilities; and \$6.7 million for activities administered by the Program Office. In addition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs budget includes \$27.5 million for the Ute Indian Rights Settlement.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS
(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2000 Request with 1999 Enacted:

	1999 Enacted		2000 Request		Change From 1999	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Appropriations						
Central Utah Project Completion Account	5	32,024	5	27,323	0	-4,701
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation.....	0	10,476	0	12,047	0	+1,571
Subtotal, Appropriations.....	5	42,500	5	39,370	0	-3,130
Permanents and Other						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation.....	13	1,145	13	1,163	0	+18
Subtotal, Permanents and Trusts	13	1,145	13	1,163	0	+18
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT.....	18	43,645	18	40,533	0	-3,112

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES
By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

	<u>1998 Actual</u>	<u>1999 Enacted</u>	<u>2000 Request</u>	<u>Change from 1999 Enacted</u>
Central Utah Project Construction	21,177	23,942	20,618	-3,324
Mitigation and Conservation	5,316	5,349	5,384	+35
Uintah/Upalco Units	2,250	1,450	0	-1,450
Program Administration	800	1,283	1,321	+38
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	29,543	32,024	27,323	-4,701

Program Highlights

Central Utah Project Construction

The request includes \$18.6 million for use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to initiate construction on the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork System; to complete construction of the Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project; to implement approved water conservation and water management improvement projects; and to continue development of planning and NEPA documents on facilities to deliver water to lands in the Utah Lake drainage basin. In addition, \$2.0 million is requested for BOR to begin modifications to the Syar Tunnel necessary to meet minimum instream flow requirements.

Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$5.0 million for the Federal contribution to the principal of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account, and \$0.4 million for other mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Program Office.

Uintah/Upalco Units

No new funds are requested for these Uinta Basin facilities, pending ratification of a compact by the State and the Ute Tribe, or until all parties otherwise agree on how those facilities are to be used.

Program Administration

These funds support the Program Office in Provo, Utah, and other activities necessary to carry out responsibilities of the Secretary.

APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation Account

	<u>1998 Actual</u>	<u>1999 Enacted</u>	<u>2000 Request</u>	<u>Change from 1999 Enacted</u>
Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation				
Mitigation and Conservation	11,610	10,476	12,047	+1,571
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	11,610	10,476	12,047	+1,571

Program Highlights**Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation**

Funds are requested for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission in implementing the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects authorized in Title III (\$9.9 million); and in completing mitigation measures committed to in BOR planning documents (\$2.1 million). Title III activities funded in 2000 include \$4.0 million for fish hatchery improvements, \$1.4 million for construction of the Daniels Creek Pipeline, and \$3.2 million for acquisition of habitat, access, and water rights along the Provo River and other key watersheds.