APPENDIX F PEST MANAGEMENT

TABLE F-1 NOXIOUS WEEDS/PLANT PESTS NAVAJO RESERVOIR AREA AND VICINITY					
Weed	State or County Listed	Present on Reservoir Area	Comments		
African Rue (Perganum harmala)	Yes	Maybe	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication <1 acre present on public lands along Navajo dam highway (FFO Invasive Weed Management Plan) 		
Black Henbane (Hyoscyamus niger)	Yes	Maybe	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide About 3 acres on public lands on Middle Mesa (FFO Invasive Weed Management Plan) 		
Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)	Yes	Likely	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication Present throughout FFO. 		
Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense)	Yes	Yes	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide High priority for initiation of monitoring and control efforts. Present at Hammond Mitigation site; targeted for control. About 3 acres on public lands within FFO Major infestations in Pine River management unit (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		
Curlycup gumweed (Grindelia squarrosa)	Unknown	Yes	Present at Hammond Mitigation site; targeted for control.		
Dalmation toadflax (<i>Linaria</i> genisitifolia spp. dalmatica)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide Present in SW Colorado Scattered at lower elevations on drier range lands within the SUIT Oil/Gas Study area. (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		
Diffuse knapweed (Centaurea diffusa)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide On public lands in SW Colorado (FFO Invasive Weed Management Plan) 		
Dyer's Woad (Isatis tinctoria)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication 		
Eurasian milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide 		
Field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis L.)	Yes	Yes	 NM Class C noxious weed- local level management and control CO Class C noxious weed- improve management statewide Present within reservoir area. Major infestations in Pine River management unit (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		
Halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus)	Yes	Likely	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class C noxious weed- improve management statewide 		
Hoary Cress; aka Whitetop (Cardaria draba)	Yes	Likely	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide Present throughout FFO and in SW Colorado 		
Houndstongue (Cynoglossum officinale L.)	Yes	Unknown	CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide		
Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication 		

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Jointed goatgrass (Aegilops cylindrica)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class C noxious weed- local level management and control CO Class C noxious weed- improve management statewide 		
Leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide High priority for initiation of control and monitoring efforts. SUIT found and controlled a small population near Allison, CO in 2002. Should monitor Sambrito Creek and Los Pinos River areas for presence. About 5 acres on public lands on Middle Mesa; within a half mile of the Reese Canyon RNA boundary (FFO Invasive Weed Management Plan) 		
Musk thistle (Carduus nutans)	Yes	Yes	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide Present along San Juan River below dam. Present at Hammond Mitigation site; targeted for control there. Present throughout FFO Major infestations in Pine River management unit (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		
Oxeye Daisy (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum L.)	Yes	Unknown	 CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide. Major infestations in Pine River management unit (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		
Perennial Pepperweed; aka Tall whitetop (Lepidium latifolium)	Yes	Maybe	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide May be present in Sambrito Wetlands Area (CO). 		
Plumeless thistle (Carduus acanthoides L.)	Yes	Unknown	CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide		
Poison Hemlock; aka Water Hemlock (Conium maculatum L.)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class C noxious weed- improve management statewide 		
Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication 		
Russian knapweed (Acroptilon repens)	Yes	Yes	 NM Class B noxious weed- control spread statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide High priority for initiation of monitoring and control efforts. Several large populations on Miller Mesa, NM Present within Navajo Lake State Park. About 30 acres present on public lands within FFO (FFO Invasive Weed Management Plan) 		
Russian olive (Elaeagnus angustifolium L.)	Yes	Yes	 CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide Moderate priority for initiation of control and monitoring efforts. Classed as a noxious weed in Colorado in 2002. Present at scattered locations along San Juan River from Navajo Dam downstream. Present within the riparian zone on the river arms. Previously used in landscaping at Arboles, Pine, and Sims Mesa Recreation Areas; consider phased removal from developed recreation areas. Consider phased removal from riparian areas to prevent adverse effect to SWWF. Do not use for future landscape or wildlife plantings. Present throughout FFO. 		
Scotch thistle (Onopordum acanthium)	Yes	Maybe	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide About 3+ acres present on public lands within north half of FFO 		
Siberian Elm (Ulmus pumila)	Yes	Likely	NM Class C noxious weed- local level management and control		
Spotted khapweed (Centaurea maculosa)	Yes	Unknown	 CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide High priority for initiation of monitoring and control efforts. <1 acre on public lands- La Plata and SW Colorado Major infestations are present in the Pine River management Unit and at the north end of the Navajo Dam (BLM/BIA 2002a) 		

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Tamarisk; aka Salt Cedar (<i>Tamarix</i> sp.)	Yes	Yes	 NM Class C noxious weed- local level management and control CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide High priority for initiation of control and monitoring efforts. The State of Colorado has set a high priority on tamarisk eradication within the state. Consider phased control efforts with prompt revegetation of native plants to minimize potential impacts to SWWFC. Present at scattered locations along San Juan River from Navajo Dam downstream. Heavy infestation likely to be drowned out when high water returns. Present throughout FFO 			
Yellow Starthistle (Centaurea solstitialis)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class A noxious weed- statewide eradication 			
Yellow toadflax (Linaria vulgaris)	Yes	Unknown	 NM Class A noxious weed- prevent and eradicate statewide CO Class B noxious weed- halt spread statewide 			

		TABLE F-2 NON-PLANT PESTS					
NON-FLANT PESTS NAVAJO RESERVOIR AREA							
Pest	Present	Potential Effects	Comments				
Zebra Mussel	Unknown but Not Likely	 Clogging of water pipes and control structures. Loss of very small aquatic species in food chain, with potential collapse of fisheries. 	 Easy boating access throughout the country increases chance of spread to currently unaffected areas. Continue public education and information campaign to reduce spread. Periodically monitor for presence. Take prompt control actions if discovered. 				
Quagga Mussel	Unknown but Not Likely	 Same as zebra mussel but to a larger extent, due to its larger environmental niche. 	 Easy boating access throughout the country increases chance of spread to currently unaffected areas. Continue public education and information campaign to reduce spread. Periodically monitor for presence. Take prompt control actions if discovered. 				
New Zealand Mud Snail	Unknown but Not Likely	 Loss of native macroinvertebrates in streams Loss of or reduction in stream trout fisheries 	 Easy trout fishing access throughout the globe increases chance of spread to currently unaffected areas. Continue public education and information campaign to reduce spread. Periodically monitor for presence. Take prompt control actions if discovered. 				
Beaver	Yes	 Excessive loss of preferred native riparian trees and shrubs. Plugging of culverts and ditches. Flooding of areas. 	 Good, natural wetlands and riparian engineer. Where appropriate, their presence and activities should be encouraged. Take steps to prevent excessive loss of high value native riparian trees and shrubs through fencing or other non-lethal means. Live trap and relocate beaver from areas where their activities are unacceptable. Use engineered structures to reduce beaver impacts to water control and management structures such as culverts and ditches. Consider lethal control measures, as appropriate. 				
Prairie Dog	Yes	 Public health- bubonic plague. Loss of grass and herbaceous vegetative cover May provide burrowing owl habitat 	 Consider control efforts on case-by-case basis in developed recreational areas Protect burrowing owls during any prairie dog control efforts 				
Ground Squirrels	Yes	 Burrowing in earthen dams with possible subsequent dam failure. May provide burrowing owl habitat; 	 Take necessary case-by-case efforts to control populations that may adversely affect project features. Protect burrowing owls during any ground squirrel control efforts 				
Muskrat	Yes	 Burrowing in earthen dams with possible subsequent dam failure. 	Take necessary case-by-case efforts to control populations that may adversely affect project features.				
Mosquitoes	Yes	 Public Health- vectors for various diseases (West Nile virus, encephalitis, etc.) Subsequent infection and possible death of humans, birds and horses. 	 Encourage the presence of native, natural control agents, such as birds, bats, etc., throughout the reservoir area. Implement integrated control efforts in developed recreational areas Consider minimizing the use of toxic chemical control methods Coordinate public information and education with State and local health departments 				