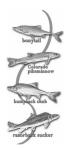


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1. INTRODUCTION

Flaming Gorge Dam is located on the upper main stem of Green River in Utah (figure 1.1). The operation of the dam influences flow and temperature regimes and the ecology of riverine biota including native fish. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the 1992 Biological Opinion (the 1992 Biological Opinion) on Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam concluded that the continuation of historic operations at Flaming Gorge Dam was likely to further reduce the distribution and abundance of the federally protected fishes found in the Green River system.

In order to mitigate this problem, the Flaming Gorge flow recommendations investigation was conducted beginning in 1992 under the auspices of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program.

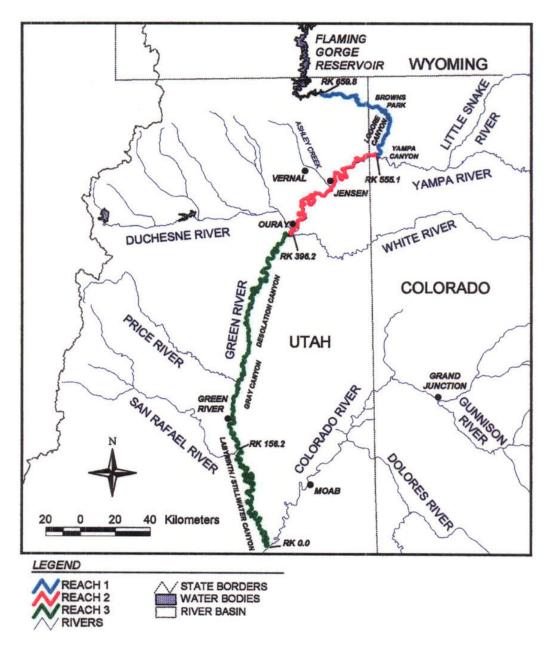


Figure 1.1—The Green River study area.

The 2000 Flow and Temperature Recommendations (the 2000 Flow Recommendations) are documented in a final report by Muth et al. (September 2000).

Clayton and Gilmore (2002) developed the simulation models of reservoir operation and streamflow for the 1992 Biological Opinion, which is referred to as the No Action Alternative, and the 2000 Flow Recommendations, which is referred to as the Action Alternative. The details of the model development and the hydrology results as well as updated flow data are presented in this report and were used to conduct the impact analysis on sediment transport in the Green River downstream from the Flaming Gorge Dam to its confluence with the White River near Ouray in Utah. This portion of the Green River has been divided into three reaches, Reach 1, Reach 2, and Reach 3 (figure 1.1) for impact analysis.

2. STUDY REACHES

The study area for impacts on sediment transport due to differences in flow pattern under the Action and the No Action Alternatives are the three reaches of Green River downstream from the Dam. Reach 1 encompasses the main stem of Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam downstream to its confluence with the Yampa River, and Reach 2 encompasses the mainstream of Green River from its confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the confluence with the White River. Reach 3 encompasses the mainstem of Green River from its confluence with the White River downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River. Long term sediment transport quantities, in terms of sand load and total load are determined for these two reaches by using available sediment rating curves and the flows for the Action and the No Action Alternatives.

3. Hydrology

The hydrology of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam for the Action and the No Action Alternatives are presented in *Flaming Gorge Draft Environmental Impact Statement Hydrologic Modeling Report* by R. Clayton and A. Gilmore (February 26, 2002) and supplemental hydrology estimates prepared for Reach 3. The hydrologic modeling results presented in the report are used to evaluate the impacts on sediment transport under the two alternatives. The details of the hydrology model are presented in the report. The average monthly flows for Reach 1 for the Action and the No Action Alternatives are shown in figure 3.1 (all figures are located at the end of this appendix) and the average monthly flows for Reach 2 for the two alternatives are shown in figure 3.2. Figure 3.3 contains the average monthly flow estimates for Reach 3 for the two alternatives. The flow values are also presented in tables 1 and 2 for Reach 1, table 3 for Reach 2, and table 4 for Reach 3.

Table1 Average Monthly and Annual Total Load and Flows for Reach 1

22-Jul-02 Green River Reach 1

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|---------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | No- Actior | Qw(ac-ft) | | 102135.2 | 79083.07 | 90990.95 | 130707.1 | 213831.7 | 160852.8 | 60455.01 | 76042.36 | 81548.53 | 101476.5 | 116567.4 | 116419.6 | | 1330110 | 213831.7 | 160852.8 | 60455.01 | |
| | | Action Qw | ac-ft) | | 76087.83 | 61465.79 | 77969.23 | 113230.4 | 198430.1 | 226446 | 138186 | 99629.29 | 97993.19 | 90989.66 | 83198.68 | 81741.62 | | 1345368 | 198430.1 | 226446 | 138186 | |
| | | Vo Action | Qs(Tons) | | 5617.622 | 3994.775 | 3689.335 | 8658.629 | 23670.18 | 19780.97 | 1780.102 | 2529.304 | 2949.8 | 4529.768 | 7319.466 | 7163.422 | | 91683.37 | 23670.18 | 19780.97 | 1780.102 | |
| | | Action Qs 1 | | | 2828.798 | 2055.628 | 2892.217 | 7638.883 | 24472.85 | 33026.61 | 12919.15 | 4405.836 | 4457.643 | 3859.107 | 3431.861 | 3256.084 | | 105244.7 | 24472.85 | 33026.61 | 12919.15 | |
| | Percent | Qs Action - / | Vo Action (| C6/E6 | 50.36% | 51.46% | 78.39% | 88.22% | 103.39% | 166.96% | 725.75% | 174.19% | 151.12% | 85.19% | 46.89% | 45.45% | | | 103.39% | 166.96% | 725.75% | |
| Percent | 2w Action | | | | 74.50% | 77.72% | 85.69% | 86.63% | 92.80% | 140.78% | 228.58% | 131.02% | 120.17% | 89.67% | 71.37% | 70.21% | | | 92.80% | 140.78% | 228.58% | |
| _ | | Qs Action ··· | No Action | | -89.96 | -69.26 | -25.71 | -33.99 | 25.89 | 441.52 | 359.32 | 60.53 | 50.26 | -21.63 | -129.59 | -126.04 | | | 25.89 | 441.52 | 359.32 | |
| | Qw Action | | | | -423.62 | -317.22 | -211.78 | -293.71 | -250.48 | 1102.33 | 1264.17 | 383.60 | 276.36 | -170.55 | -560.78 | -563.98 | | | -250.48 | 1102.33 | 1264.17 | |
| | - | | | | 181.2136 | 142.6705 | 119.0108 | 288.621 | 763.5541 | 659.3657 | 57.42264 | 81.59045 | 98.32665 | 146.1216 | 243.9822 | 231.0781 | | | 763.5541 | 659.3657 | 57.42264 | |
| | | No Action | | | 1661.07 | 1423.97 | 1479.83 | 2196.61 | 3477.64 | 2703.22 | 983.21 | 1236.71 | 1370.47 | 1650.36 | 1958.98 | 1893.38 | | | 3477.64 | 2703.22 | 983.21 | |
| | | _ | | | 91.25154 | 73.41528 | 93.29734 | 254.6294 | 789.4469 | 1100.887 | 416.7469 | 142.1238 | 148.5881 | 124.4873 | 114.3954 | 105.035 | | | 789.4469 | • | 416.7469 | |
| 5 | | | Action Qw | | 1237.45 | 1106.75 | 1268.05 | 1902.90 | 3227.16 | 3805.55 | 2247.38 | 1620.32 | 1646.83 | 1479.81 | 1398.20 | 1329.40 | | | 3227.16 | 3805.55 | 2247.38 | |
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Table2
 Average Monthly and Annual Suspended Load and Flows for Reach 1

26-Jul-02 Green River Reach 1 Comparison of Alternatives Using Sed. Rating Curve. Qs=0.00

| | | | - Action | Qw(ac-ft) | | 102135.2 | 79083.07 | 90990.95 | 30707.1 | 213831.7 | 160852.8 | 60455.01 | 76042.36 | 81548.53 | 101476.5 | 16567.4 | 1164196 |) | 1330110 | 013831 7 | 160852 8 | 60455.01 | | 435139.5 |
|---|---------|----------------------|--|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------------------|
| | | | Action - No Action Qs No Action Action Qw No- Action | ac-ft) Qv | | 76087.83 10 | 61465.79 79 | | 113230.4 13 | 198430.1 21 | 226446 16 | 138186 60 | 99629.29 76 | 97993.19 81 | 90989.66 10 | 83198.68 11 | 81741.62 11 | | 1345368 1 | 198430 1 21 | • | - | | 563062.1 43 |
| | | | No Action A | Qs(Tons) (ac-ft) | • | 2783.688 | 1959.947 (| 1445.013 | 4584.089 | 17403.44 | 16091.01 | 660.3034 | 896.1998 | 1077.169 | 1870.05 | 3832.367 | 3730.333 | | 56333.61 | 17403 44 | | 660.3034 | | 58089.36 34154.76 5 |
| | | | Action Qs | (Tons) | | 1107.696 | 770.5628 | 1122.037 | 4311.149 | 19924.99 | 28911.59 | 9252.779 | 1814.494 | 1875.203 | 1578.659 | 1398.201 | 1314.023 | | 73381.38 | 19924 99 | 28911.59 | 9252.779 | | 58089.36 |
| | | Qw Action Percent Qs | Action - No | Action | C6/E6 | 39.79% | 39.32% | 77.65% | 94.05% | 114.49% | 179.68% | 1401.29% | 202.47% | 174.09% | 84.42% | 36.48% | 35.23% | | | 114 49% | 179.68% | 1401.29% | | |
| | Percent | Qw Action | | | | 74.50% | 77.72% | 85.69% | 86.63% | 92.80% | 140.78% | 228.58% | 131.02% | 120.17% | 89.67% | 71.37% | 70.21% | | | 92,80% | 140.78% | 228.58% | | |
| | | | Qs Action No | No Action Action | C6-E6 | -54.06 | -42.48 | -10.42 | -9.10 | 81.34 | 427.35 | 277.18 | 29.62 | 26.60 | -9.40 | -81.14 | -77.95 | | | 81.34 | 427.35 | 277.18 | | |
| - | | Qw Action | - No | Action | B6-D6 | -423.62 | -317.22 | -211.78 | -293.71 | -250.48 | 1102.33 | 1264.17 | 383.60 | 276.36 | -170.55 | -560.78 | -563.98 | | | -250.48 | 1102.33 | 1264.17 | | |
| *Qw^2.578 | | | No Action No Action - No | S S | | 89.79638 | 69.9981 | 46.61334 | 152.803 | 561.4013 | 536.3671 | 21.30011 | 28.90967 | 35.90564 | 60.32419 | 127.7456 | 120.3333 | | | 561.4013 | | | | |
| 000002704 | | | No Action | ð v | | | | 1479.83 | | | | | | - | - | 1958.98 | 1893.38 | | | 3477.64 | 2703.22 | | | |
| rve, Qs=0.0 | | | | Action Qw Action Qs | | 35.73213 | 27.5201 | 36.19474 | | 642.7417 | 963.7196 | 298.4767 | 58.53207 | | | | 42.38784 | | | 3227.16 642.7417 | 963.7196 | 298.4767 | | |
| Using Sed. Rating Curve, Qs=0.000002704*Qw^2.5781 | | | | Action Qw | | 1237.45 | 1106.75 | 1268.05 | 1902.90 | 3227.16 | 3805.55 | 2247.38 | 1620.32 | 1646.83 | 1479.81 | 1398.20 | 1329.40 | | | 3227.16 | 3805.55 | 2247.38 | | |
| Using Sed | | | | Month | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual | Total | May | Jun | Jul | Summer | Total |

| | | t) | | 48 48 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 3.2 | (| 26 | 1.5 9.6 | | 119 |
|---|--|--|------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| | | No- Actio Qw(ac-ft) | | 127821.2 103948 | 153644.3 | 352935.2 | 763251.5 | 614659.6 | 162107.7 | 104345.9 | 97897.8 | 129714.8 | 143052.6 | 141213.2 | | 7894982 | 763251.5 614659.6 | 1.101 201 | 1540019 |
| | | 2 MO | | 98396.14 86947.54 | 141630.2 | 332226.2 | 743990.8 | 687150.8 | 241581.3 | 127993.3 | 15684.6 | 18869.5 | 10349.8 | 106388.9 | | 5911209 | 743990.8 687150.8 | c.10c142 | 1672723 |
| | | Action (ac-ft) | | | | ., | • | | | ~ | - | - | - | • | | | | | |
| | | No Action Action Qw No- Action Qs(Tons) (ac-ft) Qw(ac-ft) | | 12207.35 8909.086 | 16182.43 | 112110.6 | 548483.8 | 397286.2 | 25664.99 | 6723.488 | 5844.695 | 10367.14 | 15136.54 | 14556.28 | | 11/34/3 | 548483.8 397286.2 | 20004.99 | 971435 |
| | | | | 6262.233 5386.367 | 14508.89 | 103873.7 | 532737.9 | 482045.8 | 64621.6 | 10534.62 | 8824.327 | 9035.346 | 8041.31 | 7373.636 | | 1253246 | 532737.9 482045.8 64604.6 | 0.12040 | 1079405 |
| | | Percent Qs Action - Action Qs No Action (Tons) | C6/E6 | 51.30% 60.46% | 89.66% | 92.65% | 97.13% | 121.33% | 251.79% | 156.68% | 150.98% | 87.15% | 53.13% | 50.66% | | | 97.13% 121.33% | % A / 1 C Z | |
| Reach 2 | Percent | Action | B6/D6 | 76.98% 83.65% | 92.18% | 94.13% | 97.48% | 111.79% | 149.03% | 122.66% | 118.17% | 91.64% | 77.14% | 75.34% | | | 97.48% 111.79% | 149.03% | |
| d Flows for | | Qw / Qs Action No No Action Actic | C6-E6 | -191.78 -125.81 | -53.98 | -274.56 | -507.93 | 2825.32 | 1256.66 | 122.94 | 99.32 | -42.96 | -236.51 | -231.70 | | | -507.93 2825.32 | 00.0021 | |
| Table 3 Annual Sand Load and Flows for Reach 2 | Load) | Qw Action - No Action | B6-D6 | -478.55 -306.11 | -195.39 | -348.03 | -313.25 | 1218.25 | 1292.51 | 384.59 | 298.92 | -176.38 | -549.59 | -566.36 | | | -313.25 1218.25 | 10.2621 | |
| Table 3 Annual Sar | 2.16 (Sand | No Action Qs | (Tons/day) | 393.78564 318.18166 | 522.01375 | 3737.021 | 17693.026 | 13242.874 | 827.90293 | 216.88671 | 194.82317 | 334.42373 | 504.55128 | 469.55755 | | | 17693.026 13242.874 | 68208.120 | |
| | 0204*(Qw)^ | No Action Qw | | 2078.81 1871.683 | 2498.78 | 5931.27 | 12413.10 | 10329.70 | 2636.43 | 1697.02 | 1645.227 | 2109.61 | 2404.08 | 2296.61 | | | 12413.10 10329.70 | 64.0007 | |
| Average Monthly and | /es e, Qs=0.000 | | (Tons/day) | 202.0075 192.3703 | 468.0288 | 3462.457 | 17185.09 | 16068.19 | 2084.568 | 339.8265 | 294.1442 | 291.4628 | 268.0437 | 237.8592 | | | 17185.09 16068.19 | 2004.2002 | |
| | 5-Sep-03 Green River Reach 2 Comparison of Alternatives Using Sed. Rating Curve, Qs=0.0000204*(Qw)^2.16 (Sand Load) | Action Qw Action Qs | | 1600.26 1565.57 | 2303.39 | 5583.25 | 12099.85 | 11547.95 | 3928.9424 | 2081.61 | 1944.14 | 1933.23 | 1854.49 | 1730.25 | | | 12099.85 11547.95 | 0920.9424 | |
| | 5-Sep-03 Green Rive Comparisol Using Sed. | Month | | Jan Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual | l otal | May Jun | Summer | Total |

 Table 4

 Average Monthly and Annual Sand Load and Flows for Reach 3

20-Aug-03 Green River Reach 3 Comparison of Alternatives Using Sed. Rating Curve, Qs=0.000

| No Action | Qs(Tons) | 9900.859 | 17199.3 | 44248.89 | 144169.5 | 1286221 | 1579181 | 102727.8 | 10598.8 | 9261.445 | 12667.95 | 16170.78 | 13044.93 | 3245392 | 1286221 | 1579181 | 102727.8 | 2968130 |
|--|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Action Qs | (Tons) | 5156.914 | 12679.46 | 39861.34 | 141252.1 | 1281430 | 1781051 | 190979.9 | 14551.24 | 11890.99 | 12096.56 | 9349.808 | 6541.229 | 3506840 | 1281430 | 1781051 | 190979.9 | 3253460 |
| Percent Qw Percent Us Action - No Action - No | Action C6/F6 | 52.09% | 73.72% | 90.08% | 97.98% | 99.63% | 112.78% | 185.91% | 137.29% | 128.39% | 95.49% | 57.82% | 50.14% | | 99.63 % | 112.78% | 185.91% | |
| Percent تراسی Ss Action - Action - No | Action B6/D6 | 82.60% | 88.48% | 94.25% | 96.35% | 97.13% | 106.67% | 129.19% | 114.83% | 111.91% | 96.48% | 84.39% | 80.86% | | 97.13% | 106.67% | 129.19% | |
| Qs Action - | No Action C6-F6 | -153.03 | -161.42 | -141.53 | -97.25 | -154.56 | 6729.00 | 2846.84 | 127.50 | 87.65 | -18.43 | -227.37 | -209.80 | | -154.56 | 6729.00 | 2846.84 | |
| Qw Action - No | Action B6-D6 | -494.50 | -349.11 | -241.15 | -242.59 | -410.02 | 1012.41 | 1320.14 | 391.33 | 300.53 | -109.10 | -532.59 | -589.33 | | -410.02 | 1012.41 | 1320.14 | |
| No Action | Qs | 319 | 614 | 1427 | 4806 | 41491 | 52639 | 3314 | 342 | 309 | 409 | 539 | 421 | | 41491 | 52639 | 3314 | |
| No Action No Action | ð N | 2841 | 3032 | 4193 | 6647 | 14292 | 15189 | 4522 | 2638 | 2523 | 3101 | 3411 | 3079 | | 14292 | 15189 | 4522 | |
| | | 166 | 453 | 1286 | 4708 | 41336 | 59368 | 6161 | 469 | 396 | 390 | 312 | 211 | | 41336 | 59368 | 6161 | |
| | Action Qw Action Qs | 2347 | 2682 | 3951 | 6405 | 13882 | 16201 | 5842 | 3030 | . 2824 | 2992 | 2879 | 2490 | | 13882 | 16201 | 5842 | |
| | Month | lan. | Feb | Mar | Apr | Mav | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual Total | Mav | un L | Jul | Summer Total |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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4. SEDIMENT TRANSPORT ANALYSIS

The change of streamflow pattern from the No Action Alternative to the Action Alternative has impacts on the quantity of sediment transported by the Green River. The magnitude of the difference in sediment transport for the two alternatives was determined using flow duration data for each month of the year and available sediment rating curves for the three reaches of the river for each alternative.

The flow duration curves for Reach 1 are presented in figure 4.1 through 4.12, and the flowduration curves for Reach 2 are presented in figures 4.13 through 4.24. The flow duration curves are based on daily flows presented in the hydrologic modeling report by Clayton and Gilmore (February 2002). Flow duration for Reach 3 is patterned after the modeled results for Reach 2 and historic tributary inputs in Reach 3.

Four sediment rating curves, two for Reach 1, one for Reach 2, and one for Reach 3, are used to quantify the impacts on sediment transport due to change in flow pattern in the river. Between the two rating curves for Reach 1, one is for determining total load transport and one is for suspended load transport. The one sediment rating curves for Reach 2 is for sand load transport only. The one sediment rating curve for Reach 3 is for sand load transport only.

Total load rating curve by Martin et al. (1998)

The sediment rating curves are as follows:

a)

Reach 1:

| |) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | Qs = 4.707x1 | 0-5 Q | 2.01 | | | | | | | | |
| | b) | Suspended lo | Suspended load rating curve by Martin et al. (1998) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Qsb = 2.704x | x10-7 (| Q 2.58 | | | | | | | | |
| | Where | Qs | = | total load, tons/day | | | | | | | | |
| | | Qsb | = | suspended load, tons/day | | | | | | | | |
| | | Q | = | water discharge, cfs | | | | | | | | |
| Reach 2: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sand load rat | ing cu | rve by Andrews (1986) for USGS gauge Jensen, UT | | | | | | | | |
| | | Qsl = 2.04x1 | Qsl = 2.04x10-5 Q 2.16 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Where | Qsl | = | sand load, tons/day | | | | | | | | |
| | | Q | = | water discharge, cfs | | | | | | | | |
| Reach 3: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sand load rat | ing cu | rve by Andrews (1986) for USGS gauge Green River, UT | | | | | | | | |
| | | Qsl = 2.06x1 | 0-8 Q | 2.90 | | | | | | | | |
| | Where | Qsl | = | sand load, tons/day | | | | | | | | |
| | | Q | = | water discharge, cfs | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The above sediment rating curves and the flow-duration curves presented in figures 4.1 through 4.24 are used in computing the sediment transport quantities for each month by utilizing the method presented in Table 2 of Strand and Pemberton (1982).

4.1 Sediment Transport Quantities for Reach 1

The total load transport quantities determined by the total load rating curve for the reach are shown in figure 4.1.1. Figure 4.1.1 shows the month-by-month total load transported by using the rating curve presented in Martin et al. (1998). The greatest difference in total load transport between the alternatives occurs in the month of July in which total load transported in the Action Alternative is more than seven times the No Action Alternative. The smallest difference in total load transported in Action Alternative is about 103 percent of the total load transported in the No Action Alternative.

During the peak runoff season, May through July, the Action Alternative transported about 70,000 tons of total load compared to nearly 45,000 tons transported by the No Action Alternative (a difference of 55 percent). The flow volume during the peak runoff season was about 536,000 acre-feet under the Action Alternative and about 435,000 acre-feet under the No Action Alternative (a difference of 23 percent).

On an annual basis total load transport in reach 1 is nearly same under both of the alternatives. The annual total load transported in the Action Alternative is about 105,000 tons compared to 92,000 tons transported in the No Action Alternative. This annual difference is about 14 percent. The annual modeled flow volumes were about 1,345,000 acre-feet under the Action Alternative and about 1,330,000 acre-feet under the No Action Alternative. This difference in modeled flow volumes in Reach 1 is about 1 percent. The month by month and the annual quantities of total load transported under the two alternatives and the flow values are shown in table 1.

Martin et al. (1998) also presented a suspended load rating curve for Reach 1. Their suspended load rating curve was used to compare suspended load transport quantities under the two alternatives in Reach 1. The monthly suspended loads computed by using Martin et al. (1998) rating curve is presented in figure 4.1.2. The greatest difference in suspended load transport between the two alternatives was similar to the differences noted for total load transport (figure 4.1.1). During July, suspended load transported in the Action Alternative was 14 times greater than the No Action Alternative. The smallest difference in the transport of suspended load between alternatives occurs in April when flows under the No Action Alternative carried only 6 percent more suspended load than flows under the Action Alternative.

On an annual basis, the Action Alternative carried about 73,000 tons of suspended load compared to roughly 56,000 tons carried by the No Action Alternative, a difference of about 30 percent. The monthly suspended loads along with the annual total suspended load for Reach 1 are presented in Table 2.

4.2 Sediment Transport Quantities for Reach 2

The sand load transport quantities determined for Reach 2 are shown in figure 4.2.1. Figure 4.2.1 shows the month-to-month sand load transport quantities determined by the sand load rating curve by Andrews (1986). The greatest difference in sand load transport between the two alternatives is in the month of July. The Action Alternative carried about 2.5 times more sand

load than the No Action Alterative during July. The smallest difference in sand load transport occurs during April, in which the No Action Alternative transported 7 percent more sand load than the Action Alternative.

During the peak runoff season, May through July, the Action Alternative transported about 1,079,000 tons of suspended load compared to roughly 971,000 tons transported by the No Action Alternative, a difference of about 11 percent. The flow volume during the peak runoff season was nearly 1,673,000 acre-feet under the Action Alternative and about 1,540,000 acre-feet under the No Action Alternative, a difference of nearly 9 percent.

On an annual basis the difference in sand load transport between the two alternatives is small. The Action Alternative carried about 1,253,000 tons compared to roughly 1,173,000 tons carried by the No Action Alternative, a difference of about 7 percent. The modeled annual flow volumes were about 2,911,000 acre-feet under the Action Alternative and nearly 2,895,000 acre-feet under the No Action Alternative; a difference of less than one percent. The monthly and annual sand loads for Reach 2 along with the flow values are presented in Table 3.

4.3 Sediment Transport Quantities for Reach 3

The monthly sand load transport quantities determined for Reach 3 are shown in figure 4.3.1. These month by month sand load estimates were determined using the sand load rating curve for Green River at Green River, Utah USGS gauge. Flow information for Reach 3 was estimated from the Flaming Gorge Model (described in the Hydrology Appendix) results for Reach 2 and estimated tributary inflows within Reach 3.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Flow-duration comparisons for May, June and July show that flows greater than power plant capacity (4,600 cfs) occur more frequently under Action Alternative conditions than under No Action Alternative conditions. Martin et al. (1998) documented increased active channel area in reach 1 following a series of special research flow releases greater than 4,600 cfs from Flaming Gorge dam. The maximum mean daily release from Flaming Gorge during this period was 8,420 cfs.

The sediment transport quantities for Reach 1, whether considering suspended load or total load show variation between the Action and the No Action Alternatives on a month-to-month basis. This variation is greatest during the summer month of July. There is difference in monthly total load transport for the two alternatives. Relative to conditions under the No Action Alternative, implementing the Action Alternative will likely result in some additional channel deposition and erosion in the reach during May through September. Additional channel deposition in the reach is likely during October through April under the Action Alternative in comparison to the No Action Alternative relative to the No Action Alternative. The net result of greater under the Action Alternative relative to the No Action Alternative. The net result of greater frequency of flows in excess of 4,600 cfs and increased sediment transport associated with these higher flows will be greater active channel area under the Action Alternative relative to conditions under the No Action Alternative.

For Reach 2, there are some differences in monthly sand load discharge between the two alternatives although on an annual basis the difference is small. No total load rating curve is available for Reach 2. Assuming sand load transport to be proportional to total load, sediment deposition will likely occur from October through May in Reach 2 under Action Alternative conditions relative to the conditions under the No Action Alternative. From June through September, sediment will tend to be removed from Reach 2 under the Action Alternative relative to the No Action Alternative. However, on an annual basis, the difference in sediment transport between Alternatives will most likely be small in Reach 2.

For Reach 3, the trends in sand load transport are likely to be similar to those discussed for Reach 2. Annual differences in sediment transport in Reach 3 under the two Alternatives will likely be small.

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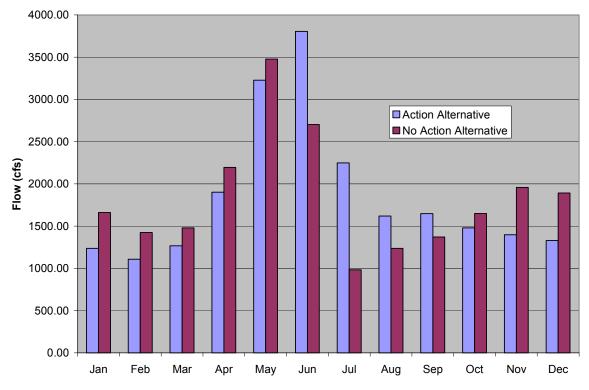
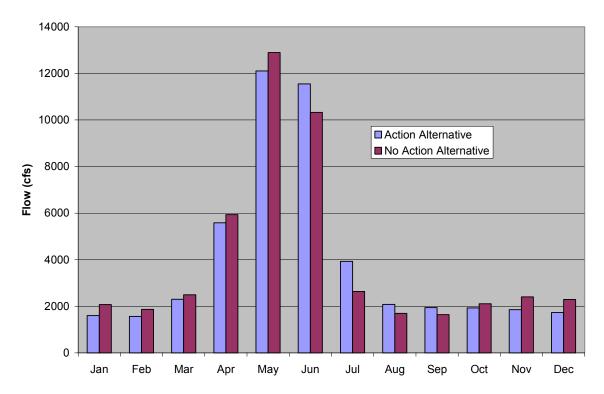


Figure 3.1 Green River Reach 1: Average Monthly Flows

Figure 3.2 Green River Reach 2: Average Monthly Flows



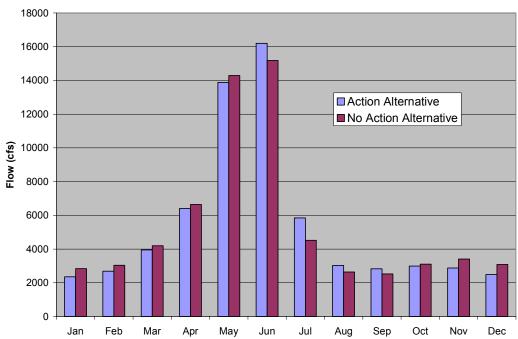
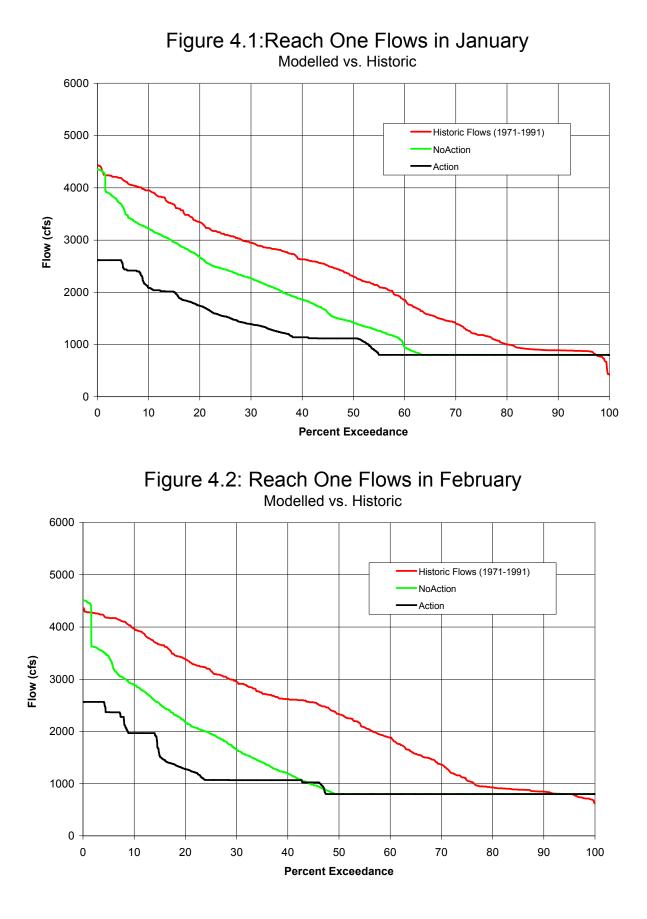
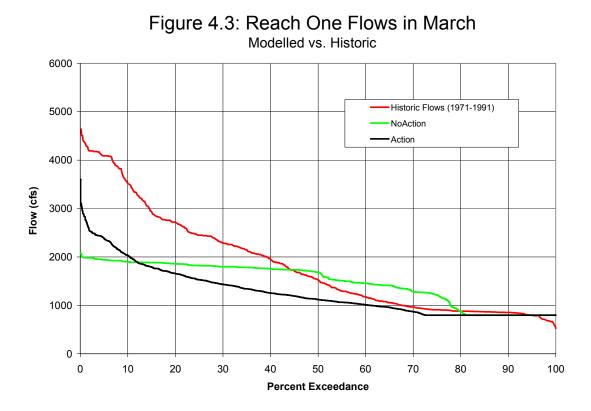
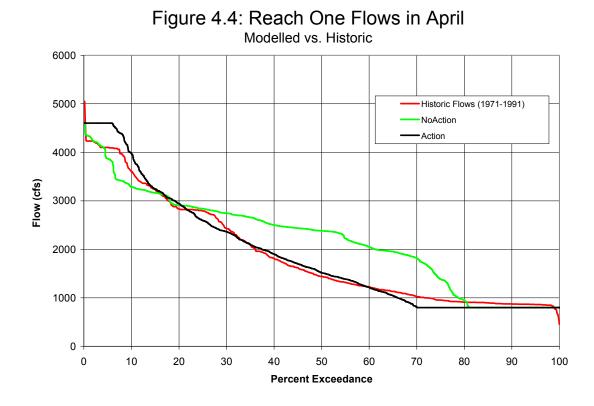


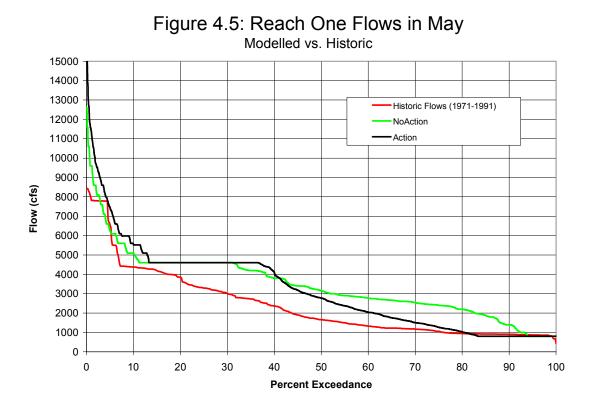
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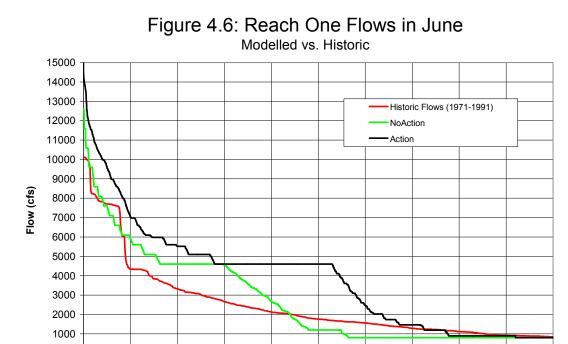






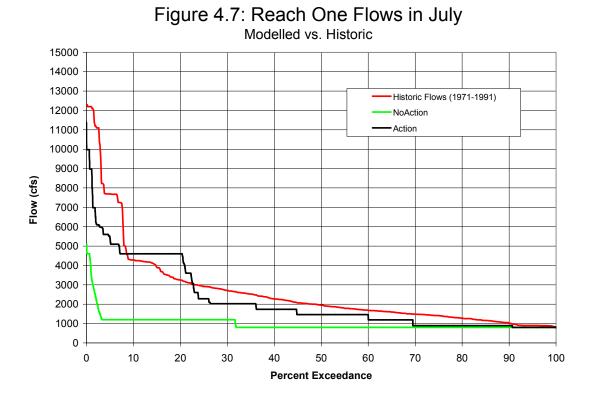
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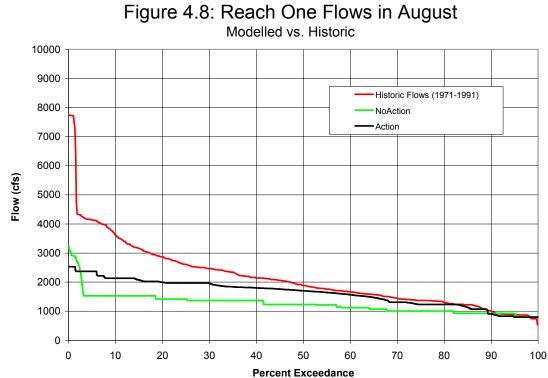




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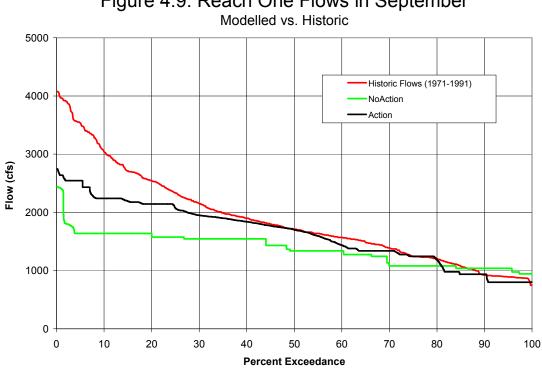
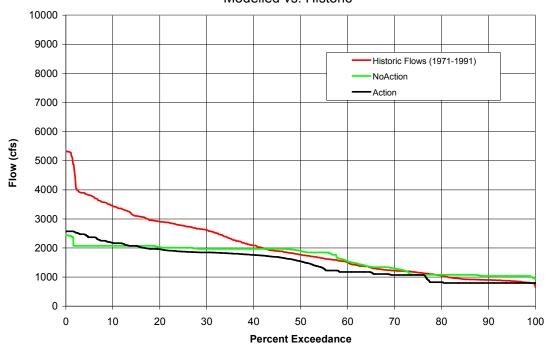
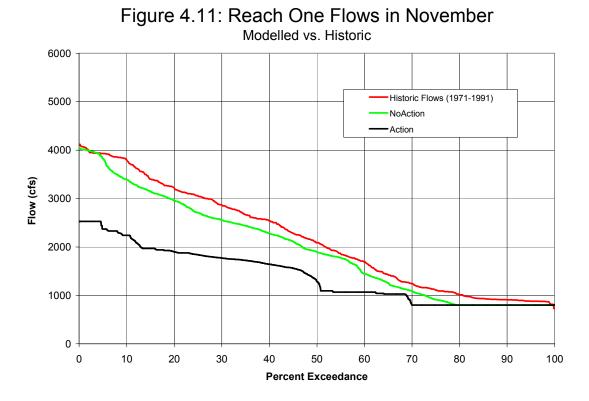
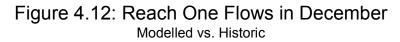


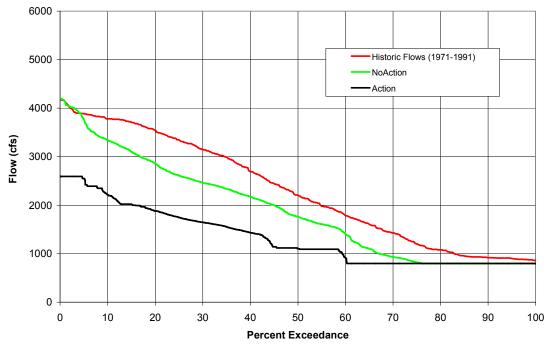
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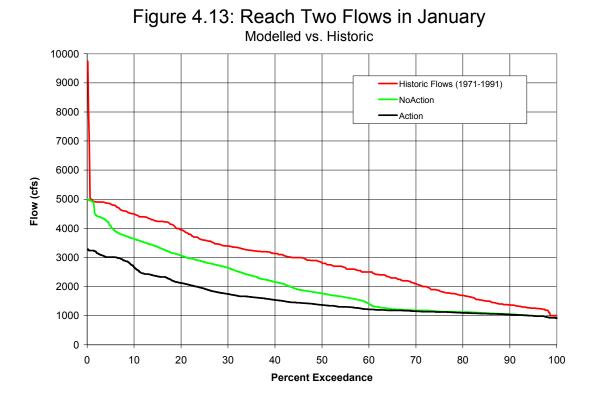
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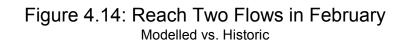


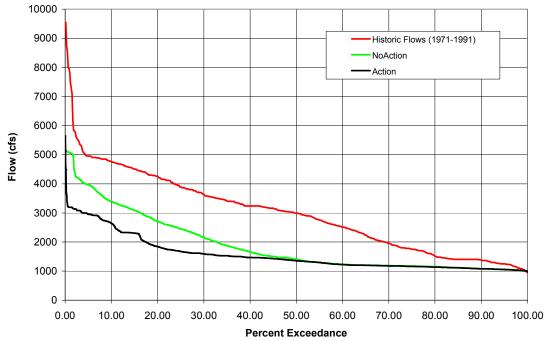


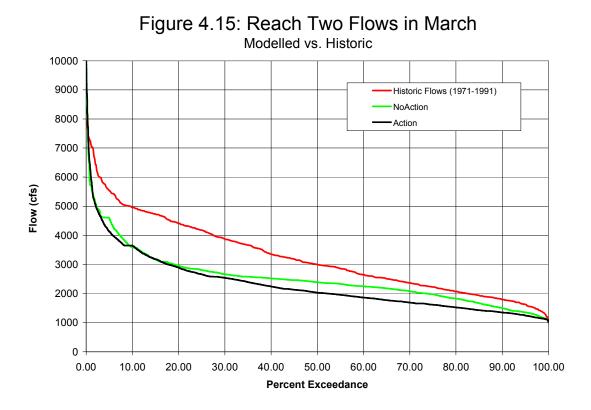


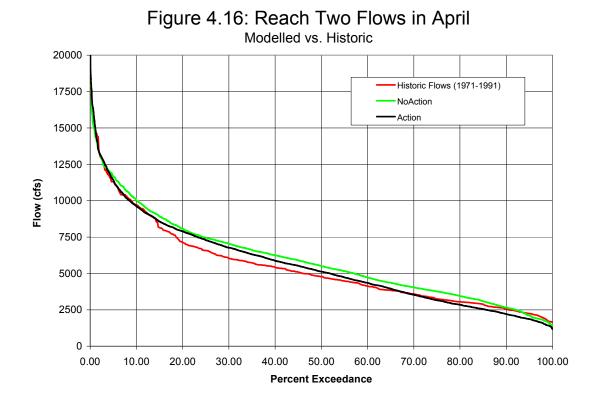


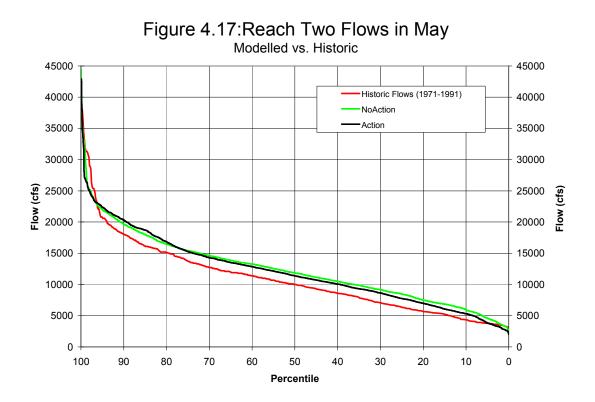


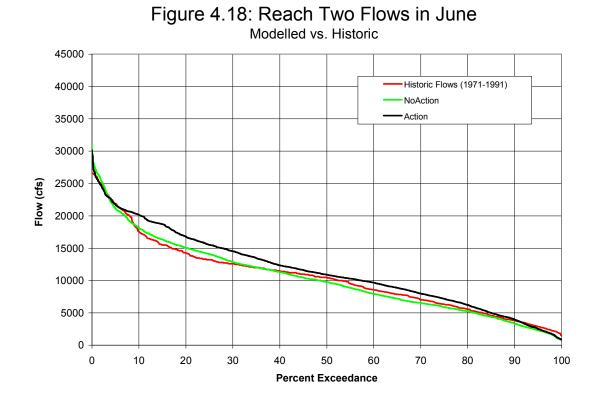


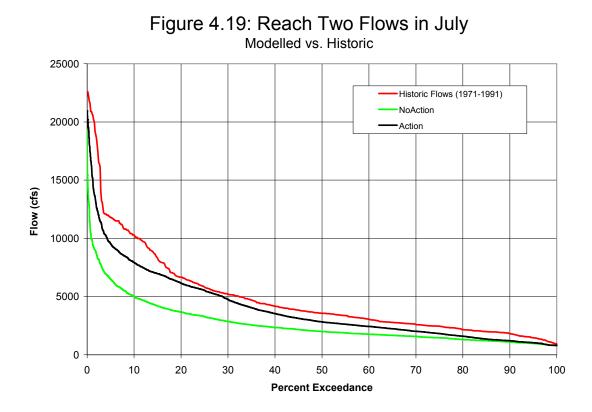


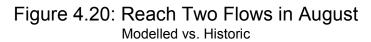


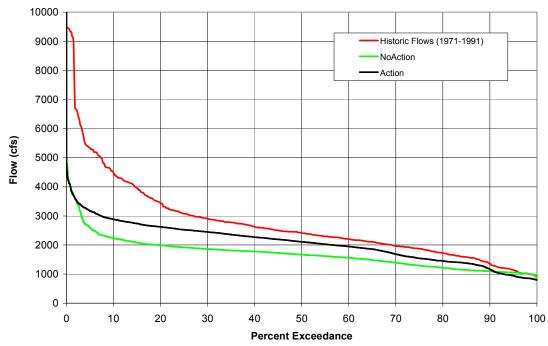


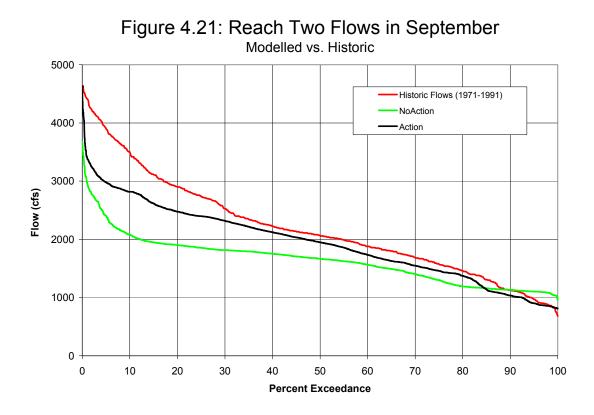


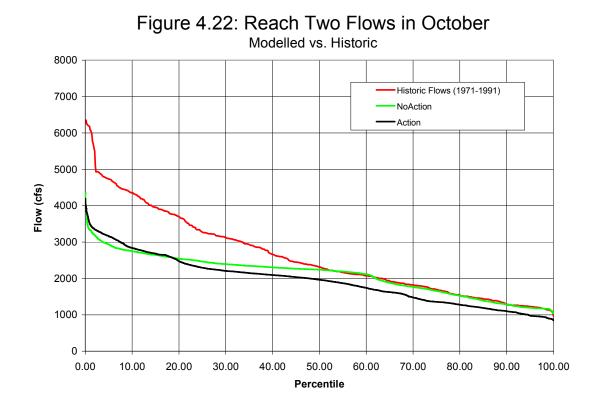


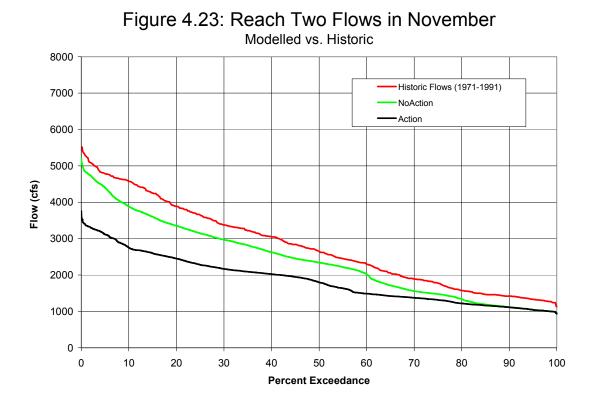


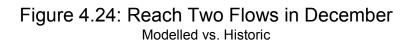


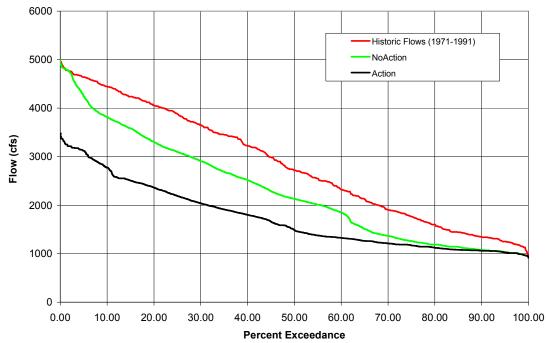












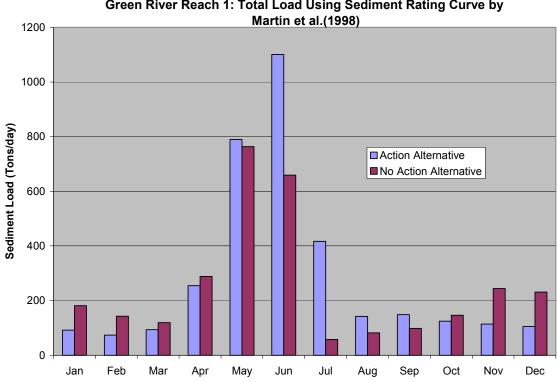
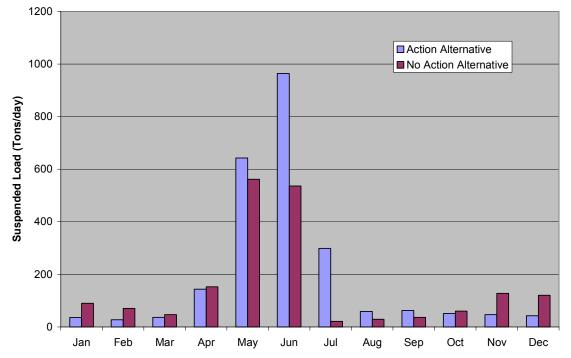
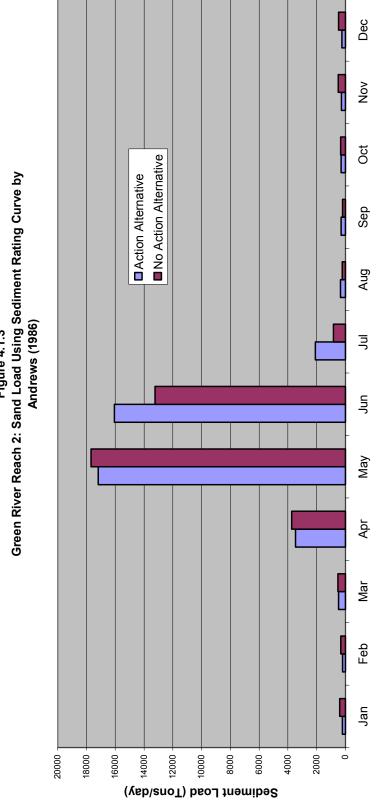
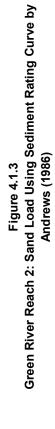


Figure 4.1.1 Green River Reach 1: Total Load Using Sediment Rating Curve by

Figure 4.1.2 Green River Reach 1: Suspended Load Using Sediment Rating Curve By Martin et al.(1998)







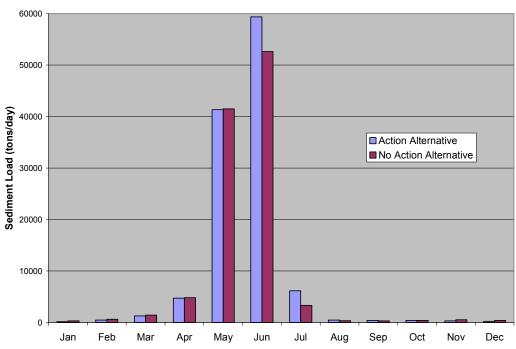


Figure 4.1.4 Green River Reach 3: Sandload Using Sediment Rating Curve by Andrews (1986)