

Gunnison River Segment 2

Eligibility Report Information:

- Classification: Recreational
- ORV: Endangered warm water fish
- Segment Length: .41

Stakeholder comments & questions on BLM information:

- Is this a critical habitat reach for the fish, and are they in that segment?
 - DOW response: this segment does not fall in the critical habitat designated by the USFWS.
- Is there spawning habitat or some other special feature for the endangered fish in this segment?
 - None noted
- Is this a natural channel (river splits around an island at this point)?
 - BLM response: Yes
- Arial photos show water in this segment, with the south channel drier.
- Why no recreation ORV – valuable for canoeing & boating.
 - BLM response: not “best of best,” usual take-out is above segment because of downstream dam.
- How wide is the island?
 - BLM response: Approx. ¼ mile

	ORV + Classification Condition, Needs	Current Uses & Values	Potential Future Uses	Current Problems/ Assets	Policy/Mgmt tools – options and impact
1	Fish – flows	Heartland diversion dam downstream.		Being rebuilt to allow fish passage.	Endangered Species Act already provides protections for the endangered fish.
2	Fish – other threats	Fishing		Northern Pike coming will cause problems through predation.	
3	General	* Electrical services & access roads on south side within ¼ mile. Utility service requires year-round access for operation, maintenance & repair. Vegetation trimming and/or road repair may be required to maintain t-line and access ROW's. * Hunting waterfowl	Replacement, upgrade or expansion of utilities within corridor.		