

# *Summit/MVIC Feasibility Study*

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## **PURPOSE OF STUDY**

This study contemplated the potential for combining the operations of the two private irrigation companies, Summit Reservoir and Irrigation Company (Summit) and the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company (MVIC). This phase of the project will analyze and outline the benefits and drawbacks associated with a potential merger of the companies based on a perspective of water rights and water planning. The results and findings will provide a platform for shareholders in both companies to evaluate if the concept of merger warrants additional study and effort or whether the concept should be abandoned.

From our understanding, the concept of merging the two companies does not necessarily mean dissolution of one company. Rather, the concept may simply involve coordination between the two companies on operations, use of facilities and structures, and maximizing use of the available water. It is envisioned that Summit could potentially benefit from assistance from MVIC particularly with regard to use of available construction equipment for regular on-going maintenance or repairs. Long-term, cooperation between the companies may evolve into coordination, development, and use of existing and future facilities for delivery and storage of water.

In developing our evaluation, we held discussions with various individuals to gain their insights into the specific company operations, water right administration, and basin needs. Contacts included:

- Summit Board members: Norman Butler (President), John McHenry, Steve Wallace, David Sanford (Secretary), Steve Boyd (Ditch Rider)
- MVIC: Randy Carver (President), Jim Siscoe (General Manager)
- State Engineer's Office: Rege Leach, Denise Miller, Marty Robbins
- Dolores Water Conservancy District: Mike Preston (General Manager), Ken Curtis, Don Schwindt
- Mr. John Porter
- Steve Harris, Harris Engineering

We reviewed numerous documents in completing this study which included water right decrees, records, summaries, and reports that were available from various sources or were provided to us. These sources included information available from the State Engineer's Office, documents provided by the Summit Reservoir and Irrigation Company, reports from Harris Engineering, and information provided by the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company. We also researched available data concerning the related operations, particularly with regard to diversions for irrigation and storage, and where needed, we conducted preliminary engineering investigations with regard to potential water use, demands, and operations.

The concept of coordination between Summit and MVIC will also need to consider potential impacts upon other area water users and in particular, the effect upon the Dolores Project. In completing this evaluation, consideration will be given to understanding not only the Summit and MVIC operations, but also the Dolores Project.

The general locations of the Summit and MVIC systems are shown on **Figure 1**. It should be noted that the location of the respective companies as represented in the figure is only for illustrative purposes. The boundaries reflected in the figure generally represent areas in which the respective company facilities may be located or traverse, or areas in which the State Engineer's Office records reflect irrigation served by the respective system.

Various assumptions and approaches were applied in our evaluation in order to generally describe potential operational results. Additionally, we did not attempt to validate existing data other than to confirm the information with the respective managers. Therefore, the findings presented in this study should only be considered general in nature which may need to be verified through further investigations or more specific analysis.

## **SUMMIT RESERVOIR AND IRRIGATION COMPANY**

### ***General Description***

The Summit Reservoir and Irrigation Company (Summit) system is generally located south of the Lost Creek Canyon basin, north and east of Cortez, Colorado. The general location of the Summit system is reflected in **Figure 2**.

The system is currently made up of a total of 150 shareholders in the system. The Restated Bylaws indicate that no certificate shall be split into less than one share after January 23, 1993 and further that no share can be subdivided in half. However, if a shareholder currently holds a certificate for one-half share it can be sold and will be transferred.

Historically, irrigation under the Summit system was based on a total of 4,000 acres of irrigation and 400 shares, or 10 acres per share. Using the State Engineer's data files, we determined that the current amount of irrigation currently in place corresponds to approximately 3,215 acres. Assuming that approximately 3,200 acres are currently irrigated with a total of 400 shares, this equates to an average of eight acres per share on average. This reduction in acreage would reflect a 20% reduction in acreage within the system. The variance in acreage could be reflective of a water system being very susceptible to water availability, capacity restriction, conversion to hobby farming, or other system limitations. It is also interesting to note that in 2005, the State Engineer's Office (SEO) records reflect irrigation of approximately 2,800 acres. Previous SEO records also reflect that approximately 80% of the lands were flood irrigated and the remaining 20% were sprinkler irrigated. Approximately 70% of the irrigated lands are currently under sprinkler irrigation. This significant switch in irrigation practices is an indicator of a water short system.

Over twenty miles of open ditch carry water from Lost Canyon to the three Company reservoirs. The Summit (Lost Canyon) Ditch and Turkey Creek Ditch carry water from Lost Canyon Creek basin to Joe Moore and Summit Reservoirs; the Puett Supply Ditch then conveys water from Summit Reservoir to Puett Reservoir. Turkey Creek Ditch is approximately 16 miles in length, Summit Ditch is approximately four miles in length and the Puett Supply ditch is approximately 3,000 feet in length. Below Summit Reservoir, the Main Ditch is a combination piped and open ditch that is seven miles long; below Puett Reservoir, the Camp and South Main Ditches are both private ditches.



The existing capacity of the piped systems has not been investigated particularly with respect to potentially carrying or delivering additional water. Should system improvements be considered, it is not currently known whether the existing improvements would pose any limitations on future deliveries in the event deliveries are increased.

### ***Water Rights***

Summit (Lost Canyon) Ditch is a transbasin diversion that delivers water from Lost Canyon Creek, which is tributary to the Dolores River, to the drainage of the San Juan River (McElmo Creek); the same is true for the Turkey Creek Ditch. The water stored in Joe Moore, Summit and Puett Reservoirs are primarily from transbasin diversions.

Name	Source	Amount (cfs)	Amount (ac-ft)	Adjudication Date	Appropriation Date
Turkey Creek Ditch	Lost Canyon/Turkey Creeks	30		Feb. 1, 1892	Jul. 16, 1886
		60		Mar. 22, 1963	Mar. 21, 1905
	<b>total</b>	90	<i>total excludes 40 cfs abandoned in 84CW178</i>		
Summit Ditch (aka, Lost Canyon Ditch)	Lost Canyon Creek	135		Mar. 22, 1963	Jun. 14, 1913
Joe Moore Reservoir (aka, Big Pine Reservoir)	Lost Canyon/Turkey Creeks		304	Dec. 18, 1933	May 16, 1907
				<i>154.97 ac-ft transferred to Summit Reservoir</i>	
Summit Reservoir	Lost Canyon/Turkey Creeks		3013	Dec. 18, 1933	Mar. 1, 1905
			1274	Mar. 22, 1963	Dec. 1, 1938
			155	Dec. 18, 1933	May 16, 1907
	<b>total</b>		4442	<i>1666 ac-ft transferred to Puett Reservoir; 154.97 transferred from Joe Moore Reservoir.</i>	
Puett Reservoir	Lost Canyon/Turkey Creeks		654	Dec. 18, 1933	Nov. 28, 1904
			1666	Dec. 18, 1933	Mar. 1, 1905
	<b>total</b>		2320	<i>1666 ac-ft transferred from Summit Reservoir</i>	

In total, 225 cfs has been decreed for diversion through the Turkey Creek and Summit Ditches. To the extent water is available at the respective diversion points, it is diverted to storage then subsequently delivered for irrigation uses.

It should be noted that Summit's water rights in Lost Canyon and Turkey Creek are junior to the water rights of MVIC but senior to the Dolores Project, as discussed later in the report. For MVIC to call out Summit's rights, flows on the Dolores River would need to decrease to the point such that MVIC's direct flow right of 795 cfs is not being satisfied (summary table of MVIC's water rights presented later in report). Additionally, in comparing the storage decrees for the respective company reservoirs, MVIC's Narraguinnep Reservoir right would also be senior to Summit's storage rights. In the event Summit's rights are called out during extended drought conditions, it is likely that Summit would not have the ability to meet all demands particularly if storage is limited. Typically, storage is depleted during the irrigation season as the system does not have sufficient carryover capacity to extend through a drought cycle. Thus, improvement or development of additional storage would enhance Summit's overall system deliveries.

### ***Company Operations***

The Summit system is currently not operated as a demand system. Water is diverted during the spring runoff period which typically ends mid-May. Once the storage reservoirs are filled, ditch water is then delivered or water is released from storage and delivered to the shareholders. For delivery at a full head, 12 shares are delivered per cfs. Water runs may extend over a period of 100 days, but typically deliveries go for about 60 to 70 days. Normal year deliveries begin around the second week of May and continue through mid-August. Previous studies indicated that the system only provides for 45% of the irrigation needs.

As reflected in the table above, the total decreed rate of diversion for the Turkey Creek and Summit Ditches is 225 cfs. In review of SEO records, peak total daily diversion for the Summit Ditch reached about 177 cfs in 1981. However over the period of 1951 through 2009, the records reflect an average diversion rate of about 27 cfs over the season. Similarly for the Turkey Creek Ditch, total peak daily diversions reached 50 cfs in 2005 and over the 1951 through 2009 period, diversions averaged about 9 cfs. Considering strictly the total average diversion rate of 36 cfs (27 cfs for Summit Ditch and 9 cfs for Turkey Creek Ditch) indicates that at times, 189 cfs is not being utilized or may not be available. On the other hand, considering the total peak maximum diversion rate of 227 cfs (177 cfs for Summit Ditch and 50 cfs for Turkey Creek Ditch), indicates that peak diversion rates could approximate the total decreed rate.

During normal or above normal years such as reported in 1977 and 1978, total deliveries may exceed 10,000 acre-feet. Over the period of 1951 through 2009, the average annual diversions from the two ditches total 5,280 acre-feet. If the capacity of the ditches were enlarged, potential constrictions removed, or the ditches were improved to reduce ditch losses, the existing reservoirs could potentially be filled earlier and more irrigation needs could possibly be met with the direct flow rights. However, it appears that the ditch capacities may be sufficient to capture flows when available. Therefore, having the ability to capture peak flows when available and place into storage for subsequent use would likely be more beneficial. Once Summit and Puett Reservoirs are filled, water is either delivered to users within the system or diversions cease until demands increase. Currently, the storage holding time in Summit Reservoir is limited and therefore, having additional storage capacity is needed.

It has been reported that Summit Ditch has the biggest source of loss from the diversion point to where the ditch crosses into the McElmo Creek drainage. Summit Ditch is measured at the flume just north of Highway 184 near Summit Reservoir. Travel time from the diversion point to the flume is about four hours, which make adjustments to deliveries difficult. From the crest of the divide between Lost Canyon Creek and headwaters of McElmo Creek to the measuring flume for the Summit Ditch, the distance is about one mile. To ensure deliveries, it takes about five to six extra shares to make full delivery to the end of ditch.

Approximately 40 miles of private lateral ditches and pipelines are owned by individual stockholders or pipeline associations. All the laterals are piped for at least part of their length. Since a significant portion of the system has been converted to piped systems, the overall system efficiency has been improved. In recent years, several pipeline groups and associations have been formed within the company and operate the laterals from the main delivery ditches. Users within the association pool their water to facilitate deliveries, which is typically done by

shareholders that would otherwise own less than the minimum share allowance. Ditch and lateral improvements have enhanced the overall water delivery system minimizing system losses.

The Summit system is basically made up of four delivery zones as follows and reflected in **Figure 2:**

- From Turkey Creek Ditch above Joe Moore Reservoir, water is delivered directly to head gates on the ditch. Currently, 11.5 shares are delivered from the ditch above Joe Moore Reservoir. From its diversion point on Lost Canyon Creek, the ditch is an open channel to Joe Moore Reservoir. This area accounts for approximately 3% of the total system shares. The total irrigated acreage above Joe Moore Reservoir is approximately 71 acres, or approximately six acres per share.
- Below Joe Moore Reservoir, 26 shares are delivered to head gates off of the Turkey Creek Ditch. Below Joe Moore Reservoir, the ditch is an open channel. This area accounts for approximately 6% of the total system shares. The total irrigated acreage below Joe Moore Reservoir and above Summit Reservoir is approximately 262 acres, or approximately 10 acres per share.
- From Summit Reservoir, 271 shares are delivered through the Main, Exon, Withers, and Extension Ditches. All of these ditches have been piped. This area accounts for approximately 68% of the total system shares and approximately 2,197 acres, or approximately eight acres per share.
- Below Puett Reservoir, 91.5 shares are served through the South Main and Camp Ditches. Both of these ditches have been piped. This area accounts for approximately 23% of the total system shares and approximately 685 acres, or approximately seven acres per share.

As previously indicated, the average irrigated acres per share for the system is about eight acres per share based upon our calculation of the total irrigated acreage. The above information reflects differences throughout the Summit system with respect to the duty of shares. Obviously, the deliveries above Joe Moore Reservoir do not receive any benefit of storage.

### ***Summit (Lost Canyon) Ditch***

As previously indicated, the Summit Ditch is approximately four miles long and the company experiences maintenance problems in several problem areas. As shown in the following photograph, the ditch is on a very steep north facing slope and rocks and debris regularly fall in to the ditch from above.

***Summit (Lost Canyon) Ditch – steep up-gradient side slope***



The diversion structure is in good repair but the gabions above it may need to be rebuilt. According to Company personnel, once the gate is opened in the spring it is nearly impossible to close due to the accumulation of debris under the gate. When a problem occurs downstream, the water cannot be turned off. The typical approach has been to breach the ditch of the blockage which in itself causes additional problems and loss of water. What is needed is a return or spill structure just downstream of the head gate that could be operated and avoid breaching of the ditch. Trashrack configurations should be evaluated as well to minimize debris collection.

***Summit (Lost Creek) Ditch – diversion structure***

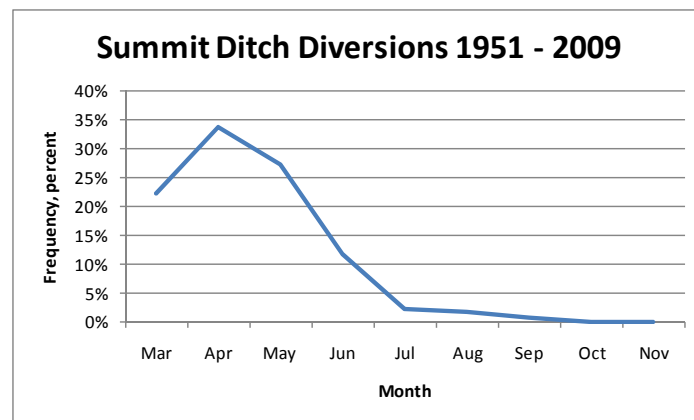


Portions of the ditch have been piped and an old wooden siphon has been replaced. The piping has reduced seepage or loss in the ditch but it still seeps badly. The seep from the ditch causes unstable banks along the ditch that periodically slough and the concern is that the ditch could be lost if a major bank failure occurred. Considering the location of the Summit Ditch and associated maintenance issues, a new diversion structure capable of limiting debris and replacing the entire ditch with a piped system would eliminate the on-going maintenance issues and historical ditch losses.

New technologies are available that can also maximize the diversions without requiring constant attendance to the headgate. Diurnal fluctuations in streamflows can create lost opportunity. Hydraulic gates are available that can be set to remotely monitor diversion rates and will rise and fall with increasing and decreasing stream flow levels. This keeps a constant diversion into the headgate and maximizes beneficial use.

The point of diversion for the Summit Ditch originates on Forest Service land and the ditch easement predates the Forest Service. Maintenance of the ditch can continue as it has in the past.

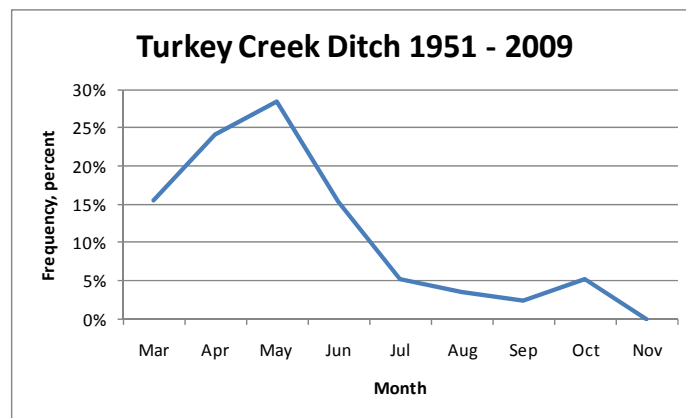
As previously stated, available diversion records from the State Engineer's Office for the Summit Ditch reflect a maximum daily diversion rate of 177 cfs which was reported in 1981. Over the period of record (1951 – 2009), over 2,900 days of diversion were reported and the average daily diversion rate reflected from these records is approximately 27 cfs. Higher diversion rates are reflected during the early part of the season (March through May) typically when the runoff is occurring. As depicted in the following chart, the bulk of the diversions occurs during the months of March through June and reflects approximately 95% of the total annual diversions. Again, having the ability to capture peak flows early in the year would be beneficial.



### ***Turkey Creek Ditch***

The point of diversion for the Turkey Creek Ditch also originates on Forest Service land and the ditch easement predates the Forest Service. Most of the ditch is within the Forest Service boundary and maintenance of the ditch has been sporadic primarily due to the fact that the level of work is substantial. It is anticipated that a joint effort with the Forest Service may be necessary for the ditch to receive adequate maintenance.

As previously stated, State Engineer's Office diversion records indicate a maximum daily diversion rate of 50 cfs which was reported in 2005. Over the period of record (1951 – 2009), over 3,300 days of diversion were reported and the average daily diversion rate reflected from these records is approximately 9 cfs. Higher diversion rates are reflected during the early part of the season (March through May) typically when the snowmelt runoff is occurring. As depicted in the following chart, the bulk of the diversions occurs during the months of March through June and reflects over 80% of the total annual diversions.



### ***Diversion records***

The State Engineer's Office diversion records available for both ditches were reviewed over the period of 1951 through 2009 and are summarized in Appendix A, Tables A-1, A-2, and A-3; a summary of the total diversions through Summit and Turkey Creek Ditches is provided in the tables below.

#### **TURKEY CREEK DITCH** Summary of Total Diversions

*all values in acre-feet*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
average	38	0	41	517	676	196	52	25	7	13	0	0	1566
max	1524	0	411	1345	2053	1628	432	206	119	280	0	0	5440
min	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117

#### **SUMMIT DITCH** Summary of Total Diversions

*all values in acre-feet*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
average	0	0	130	1766	1486	302	20	9	1	0	0	0	3715
max	0	0	1406	4593	3982	1853	327	267	29	0	0	0	10389
min	0	0	0	335	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	610

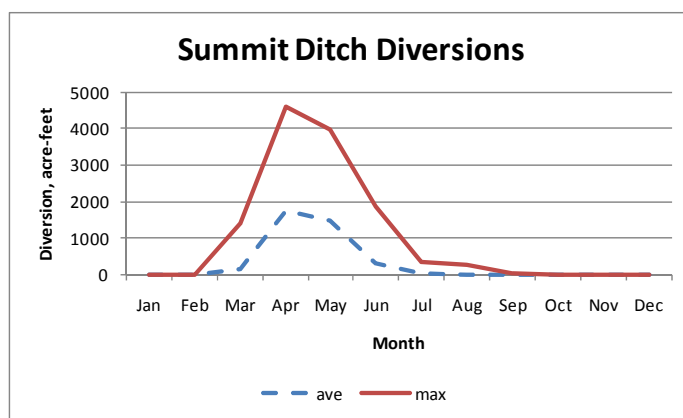
From the above tables, a total of 5,280 acre-feet on average is diverted per year by the two ditches. For the 400 shares, deliveries equate to approximately 13 acre-feet per share on average and range from a minimum of just under 2 acre-feet per share to a maximum of 27 acre-feet per share.

Although water may be diverted during the irrigation season, the majority of the water diverted is typically available during the months of March through June. During this time, water that is

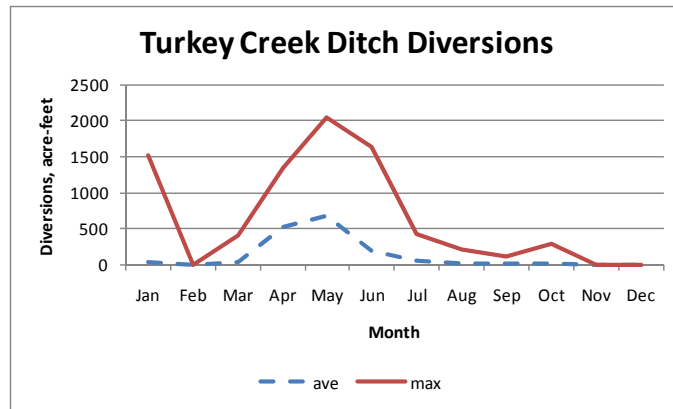


diverted is first delivered to storage for subsequent release to users below Summit Reservoir. The shareholders located above Summit Reservoir can only divert water directly from the Turkey Creek Ditch when it is available.

For the Summit Ditch, diversions have occurred over the months of March through September. However, approximately 95% of the total diversions on average have occurred over the months of March through June. The ditch has on average run 73 days; with the maximum run of 175 days in 1997. During 1997, the total water diverted through the Summit Ditch was 3,014 acre-feet and again, was substantially less than the maximum diversion of 10,389 acre-feet reported over the period of records. The following chart presents a summary of the average monthly and maximum monthly diversions reported for the Summit Ditch. The summary reflects that at times, a significant amount of water is available for diversion particularly during the months of May and June.



Similarly for the Turkey Creek Ditch, diversions have occurred over the months of March through October. However, approximately 83% of the total diversions have occurred over the months of March through June on average. The ditch has run 94 days on average, extending to a maximum of 214 days during the years of 1974, 1982, and 1986. During these years, the total water diverted through the Turkey Creek Ditch was 1,074 acre-feet, 1,545 acre-feet, and 4,501 acre-feet, respectively. It should be noted from the table above that although this ditch ran for a longer season, the total diversions during these three years were considerably less than the maximum diversion of 5,440 acre-feet reported in 1952. A diversion of 1,524 acre-feet was reported through the Turkey Creek Ditch in January of 1986; however, diversions typically do not occur during the November through February period. The following chart presents a summary of the average monthly and maximum monthly diversions reported for the Turkey Creek Ditch. Again, it is apparent that a significant amount of water may be available in May and June.



Understanding that water is typically available for diversion only during a short period of time during the year, storage becomes an integral part of the overall system to meet demands later in the season. Therefore, maximizing diversions and storage as well as increasing the overall system efficiency will enhance Summit's system. For both the Summit and Turkey Creek Ditches, there appears to be times when substantial amounts of water could be diverted for later use. However, the diversion records seem to indicate that the ditches are at or near capacity at times. In lieu of increasing ditch capacity, it may be more beneficial to capture peak flows and place into storage for later use or to serve as carryover for drought protection.

### ***System Loss***

The Summit and Turkey Creek Ditches experience loss along their course in the form of seepage, evaporative, or phreatophyte consumption from the point of diversion to the storage reservoirs. The total combined length of the open ditches is over 20 miles. Applying a conservative loss estimate of 25% to the average annual diversions summarized above (5,280 acre-feet), a total loss of approximately 1,760 acre-feet may be realized on an annual basis which may be reflected in the actual water diverted at the head gates (i.e., an additional 1,760 acre-feet may have been diverted at the head gates in order to realize an actual delivery of 5,280 acre-feet measured at the flumes).

With the conversion over to piped systems, system loss below Summit Reservoir has been considerably reduced and has enhanced overall deliveries. Prior to this conversion, additional losses were experienced that again limited irrigation deliveries to shareholders.

A major contributor of system loss has been associated with Summit Reservoir. Previous reservoir inspections have indicated excessive seepage particularly at high water levels and based on this observance, a storage restriction has been in place on Summit Reservoir by the State Engineer's Office. Additional loss from the company reservoirs includes evaporative loss which on an annual basis, may be in the range of four acre-feet per acre of surface area. However, considering that the reservoirs are typically filled in April and May and are depleted by September, the total evaporative loss during this period is about three acre-feet per acre. In total, the combined surface area associated with Joe Moore, Summit, and Puett Reservoirs is approximately 602 acres. For purposes only to estimate evaporative loss, an average surface area of 250 acres over the season applied to three acre-feet per acre results in a potential evaporative loss of 750 acre-feet.

Although general in nature, the above estimates for system loss including ditch seepage and transit loss, and reservoir evaporative loss provides a representative picture of the potential magnitude of the overall system loss. In total, a significant amount of system loss amounting to approximately 2,500 acre-feet may be lost in the system throughout a given season. Even considering that if only 50% of this projected loss was realized, this amount (1,250 acre-feet) still constitutes close to 25% of Summit's total average annual deliveries. In comparison to system storage, these projections of system loss appear to be rather high. However, system loss will undoubtedly affect the overall company operations and subsequent deliveries. Since system loss is somewhat of an unknown, it would be worthwhile for the company to identify significant problem areas and potential ways to mitigate such losses.

### ***Reservoir Operations***

As previously discussed, Summit's storage rights total 7,066 acre-feet under various priorities. Of this amount, the Division of Wildlife has obtained a perpetual easement on Joe Moore, Summit, and Puett Reservoirs for recreational and associated uses. A minimum fish pool level is maintained in each of the three reservoirs. The following elevations above outlet gate are maintained for the fish pools:

- Joe Moore: 3 feet as measured at the depth gauge. The estimated storage associated with this reservoir level may be in the range of 10 acre-feet. This was estimated based on elevation and storage information obtained from the SEO records.
- Summit: 6 feet as measured at the depth gauge. The estimated storage associated with this reservoir level may be in the range of 650 acre-feet. This was estimated based on elevation and storage information obtained from the SEO records.
- Puett: 12 feet as measured at the depth gauge. At this time, the estimated storage associated with this reservoir level is not known.

Summit and Puett Reservoirs serve as the main point of delivery for stored water with Summit Reservoir making the bulk of the releases. Since water is released from Summit to meet irrigation demands both directly from Summit Reservoir and via Puett Reservoir, releases from Summit Reservoir were used to determine total actual deliveries.

Over the period of 1955 through 2009, the reported Summit Reservoir outlet releases reflect that on average, approximately 6,400 acre-feet have been released on an annual basis as reflected in **Appendix A**, Table A-4. In comparison to the total diversions from the Summit and Turkey Creek Ditches of 5,280 acre-feet, total releases from Summit Reservoir don't appear to correlate to diversions. After considering transit, evaporative, and other losses, releases from storage would likely be less than diversions unless another source of supply was introduced which is not the case with the Summit system. However, the extremes in releases reflect a minimum of 220 acre-feet which occurred in 2002, and a maximum of 16,200 which occurred in 1979. For the 362.5 company shares delivered below Summit and Puett Reservoir, deliveries equate to approximately 18 acre-feet per share on average and range from a low of 0.6 acre-feet per share to a maximum of 45 acre-feet per share.

Considering that on average, 5,280 acre-feet is diverted and delivered through the Summit and Turkey Creek Ditches, the difference between Summit Reservoir releases and reported diversions may be attributable to a minor amount of carryover storage but most likely due to inaccuracies in the flume readings and probably with the readings from Summit Reservoir. However, to simplify our evaluation, the average storage releases were considered in meeting total overall demands understanding that a portion of the total demands are met above Summit and Joe Moore Reservoirs by direct diversions. Summit may need to consider evaluating the accuracies of its measuring flumes.

### ***Water Demands***

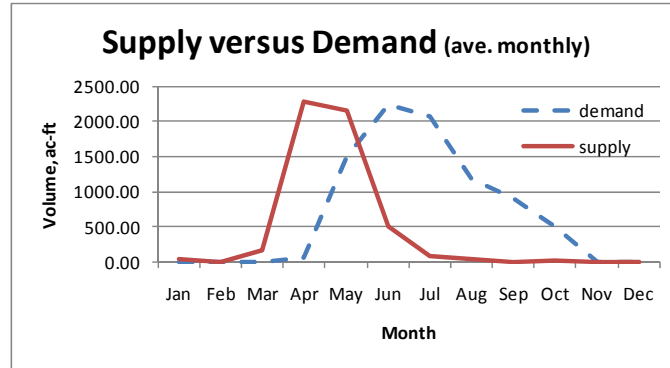
Information provided to us reflected a general crop mix including yards, gardens, alfalfa, hay, and pasture. The SEO records reflect that the irrigated parcels are made up of a mix of crops including alfalfa, pasture grass, orchard, and beans. Although the general crop mix as reported by the SEO is somewhat different, we used the SEO information as a basis for our analysis regarding system demands as discussed further in this report. Using this data will provide a general idea as to how crop demands may fluctuate over a given year.

Using the SEO information, we determined an average annual crop irrigation requirement of approximately 2.6 acre-feet per acre or a total system irrigation demand of approximately 8,400 acre-feet.

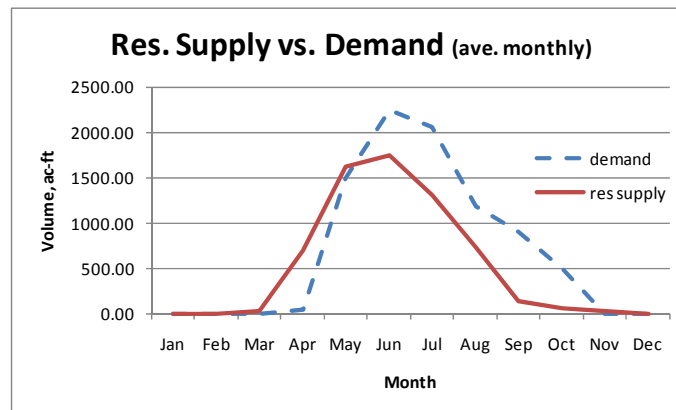
### ***Supply vs. Demand***

As with many irrigation systems, the supply is typically available early in the season during the runoff period then diminishes during the remainder months of the year. Without storage, meeting crop demands later in the year is limited and the supply may only meet a portion of the remaining demand.

The Summit system is such that over 90% of the average total annual supply is available over the March through June months. The following chart depicts the average monthly diversions as compared to the average monthly demand. As can be seen from the chart, crop demands are steadily increasing over the early months of the irrigation season then peak in or around July or August. Only about one-third of the total crop demands are reflected in the April through June months; the remaining two-thirds are spread over the rest of the irrigation season. Generally speaking, this pattern would be similar for crops that may be irrigated under Summit's system. The difference between the supply and demand curves is basically the volume that needs to be met from storage. The chart also reflects the relative difference in timing of when water is diverted versus when the irrigation demands or needs occur. This difference suggests a need for storage.



A similar chart is presented below representing the irrigation demands versus the reservoir supply or releases made from Summit Reservoir. Again, it should be noted that the reservoir supply is not sufficient to meet projected demands.



Of the water released from storage (6,400 acre-feet), only a portion of the water applied will meet crop demands. Since the Summit system is comprised of flood and sprinkler irrigation, an overall application efficiency of 65% may be realized on average. Applying this efficiency to storage releases results in about 4,200 acre-feet of water potentially being available to meet demands. In comparison to the total average annual demands of 8,400 acre-feet, the system is short 4,200 acre-feet on average. In other words, the current water supply and storage system meets only about 50% of the total demands, which is comparable to previous studies. If however, water was delivered to meet 100% of projected demands, nearly 13,000 acre-feet would need to be applied using the same assumptions with regard to application efficiency. This suggests that Summit's storage capacity may need to be more than doubled at a minimum.

### ***Return Flows***

As a result of irrigation within the Summit system, return flows are generated which then contribute to the flows within the McElmo Creek basin. As a preliminary comparison based on the previous discussion, a general assumption can be made that of the water applied for irrigation, 2,200 acre-feet of return flow may be generated. Conservatively speaking, the returns may be spread throughout the year at a rate of just under 200 acre-feet per month. Considering potential return flows associated with deliveries to meet 100% of the projected demands, the return flow amount may reach 4,500 acre-feet or just under 400 acre-feet per month.

Since water is originally taken from Lost Canyon Creek, a tributary of the Dolores River, and used in the McElmo Creek basin, a tributary of the San Juan River, Summit's water rights can be considered transbasin water rights. Therefore, the increased return flows generated from additional storage that would be used for irrigation are also considered transbasin and may be recaptured and reused. Such return flows could potentially be utilized to meet downstream augmentation needs if not already intercepted by MVIC or the Dolores Water Conservancy District (DWCD). This may provide some opportunity for Summit, MVIC, or possibly DWCD with respect to future uses and may warrant further investigations. Increased return flows may also provide an enhancement to downstream environmental needs and may alleviate other associated concerns with water development and use within the area.

### ***System Capacity Restrictions***

It would appear that restrictions within the Summit system include limited ditch and reservoir capacity. For example, the Turkey Creek Ditch was decreed for a total of 90 cfs however, the SEO records reflect a maximum diversion rate of 50 cfs which was reported in 2005. The Summit Ditch has in more recent years reflected diversions at or near the decreed rate of 135 cfs. However, it appears that at times, the ditch capacities have been maximized. Therefore, increasing storage capacity at the existing sites or possibly creating new storage may need to be considered along with general ditch improvements.

Capacity in Joe Moore, Summit, and Puett Reservoirs has been transferred to the Division of Wildlife, which to some extent, limits the amount of deliveries that may be made for irrigation. Summit Reservoir has had a fill restriction in place for a few years which again, limits the amount of water that may be held in storage. Also, residential development downstream of the reservoirs, particularly with Summit, has caused additional concerns for the company. All the reservoirs are classified as "high hazard" and company insurance rates have significantly increased. To the extent required by the State Engineer's Office, Summit maintains its facilities by completing on-going and regular maintenance.

### ***Maintenance***

Several studies have been completed regarding improvements to Summit's system.<sup>1</sup> In these reports, various recommendations were made concerning various structures within the system including diversion points, measuring devices, ditch lining and maintenance, delivery restrictions, and reservoir operations.

In recent years, Summit has made improvements to its system which included the following:

- Joe Moore Dam spillway reconstruction
- Summit Dam outlet works, toe drains, and weirs
- Replaced the Railroad siphon on Summit Ditch (Lost Canyon)
- Installed over 6,000 feet of pvc pipe in two sections of the Main Ditch

To assist the Company in paying for the necessary repairs, Summit has received three separate loans from the CWCB. Since 1978, \$579,221 has been spent on system improvements and for a

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<sup>1</sup> Feasibility Report for Summit Reservoir Improvements, October 1983, Harris Water Engineering; Summit Reservoir and Irrigation Company 1985 Planning Report, Harris Water Engineering; Summit Ridge Irrigation Company Measure Plan Preliminary Report, January 1993, USDA Soil Conservation Service.



small company, the total cost on a per share basis (\$1,448 per share) is significant. The remaining shareholder debt on the balance of the CWCB loans is \$836 per share.

Recently in 2008, the Summit system required extensive repairs and maintenance. A contractor was hired at an expense of over \$20,000 to complete the necessary work which was paid from a one-time share assessment of \$40 per share. This may be an area in which MVIC could provide assistance to Summit by providing manpower and equipment to complete on-going or regular maintenance or during times that extensive repairs are needed. As with any water supply system, completing a risk assessment would identify areas that may significantly impact the overall operation of the system and therefore, may need to be addressed through an on-going capital improvement plan to minimize risk.

### ***Cost of Delivery***

Current annual charges are \$200.00 per shareholder account fee plus \$150.00 per share annual assessment. In total, the company receives about \$89,800 from its shareholders which is used to offset loan payments and pay for system improvements. This amount is based on 149 shareholder accounts and 400 shares.

As previously described, Summit delivers approximately 6,400 acre-feet of water on average from Summit Reservoir. Equating this to the annual cost to shareholders, the average cost of delivery is approximately \$14.00 per acre-foot of delivery.

## **MONTEZUMA VALLEY IRRIGATION COMPANY**

### ***General***

The Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company (MVIC) system spans the Montezuma Valley, encompassing areas north and south of Cortez and west. The general location of the MVIC system is reflected in **Figure 1**.

With the development of the Dolores Project, MVIC entered into several contracts which have an effect of controlling annual operations. These contracts include the following:

- September 1977 Contract between the Dolores Water Conservancy District and MVIC.
- April 1989 Contract between Department of the Interior, Dolores Water Conservancy District, MVIC, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
- August 2002 Purchase Agreement between MVIC and the Dolores Water Conservancy District.

Furthermore, the Dolores Water Conservancy District entered into a contract with the Department of the Interior regarding repayment of the Dolores Project and delivery of Project Water. The terms of this agreement mandate Project operations from which, MVIC receives delivery of Project Water.

This study does not attempt to provide any interpretation of the various contracts or agreements associated with the Dolores Project. Rather, the contractual documents are only referenced as information that may be pertinent to future follow-up review if required.

### ***Water Rights***

MVIC's operations are all located downstream of Summit's system and further, Summit is outside of MVIC's service area. Since the development of McPhee Reservoir, water attributable to MVIC's water rights is delivered through the reservoir. In total, MVIC's system includes over 120 miles of canals and laterals. MVIC controls 33,284 Class A shares and 1,500 Class B shares. MVIC's water right portfolio is made up of both direct flow and storage rights as reflected in the following table. It should be noted that the following summary does not include other minor rights or portions of water rights that were sold or transferred to other parties.

#### **MVIC WATER RIGHTS SUMMARY**

STRUCTURE	CASE NO.	DECREED AMOUNT (cfs)	DECREED AMOUNT (ac-ft)	APPROPRIATION DATE	ADJUDICATION DATE
MAIN CANAL NO. 1 & NO. 2	CA0473	795.0		11/25/1885	2/1/1892
MAIN CANAL NO. 1	CA0967	90		11/25/1885	3/22/1963
GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR	CA0967		10,623.0 11,086.0 <b>total</b> 21,709.0	8/1/1905 10/24/1929	12/18/1933 12/18/1933
NARRAGUINNEP RESERVOIR	CA0967 CA0967 CA0967 CA0967		5,969.0 3,306.0 11,527.0 1,653.0 <b>total</b> 22,455.0	3/15/1888 10/28/1907 8/17/1922 5/1/1956	12/18/1933 12/18/1933 12/18/1933 3/22/1963
TOTTEN RESERVOIR			400.0 3,000.0 <b>total</b> 3,400.0	4/25/1907 2/1/1951	12/18/1933 3/22/1963

As stated previously, MVIC's water rights are senior to Summit's and therefore, during drought conditions, MVIC would call out Summit's rights. In such cases, diversions under Summit's water rights would be limited and reliance upon stored water would be imperative.

### ***Company Operations***

MVIC operates its system pursuant to various agreements with the Dolores Water Conservancy District (District), and the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). Generally speaking, MVIC delivers water to its shareholders through McPhee Reservoir which is managed by the District; the District administers project and joint-use facilities within its boundaries. Again, the operations as governed by the various agreements have not been reviewed as part of this study.

Historically, MVIC's Main Canals 1 and 2 were used to deliver water to lands south of the present day location of McPhee Reservoir. Construction of McPhee Reservoir slightly altered operations, and presently, deliveries are made to the respective canals via releases from McPhee Reservoir. Lands served by Main Canals 1 & 2 (aka, Dolores Tunnel and Great Cut Dike) are

generally located in the McElmo Creek basin. Additionally, the Ute Lateral, which basically flows west from McPhee Reservoir, is used to provide water to lands located in the Yellow Jacket Canyon drainage basin.

### ***Diversions***

Total diversions by MVIC are limited by contract to a total of 153,400 acre-feet per year. Additionally, MVIC receives delivery of project water for use on irrigable lands as defined in the DPR.

Historically, MVIC's total diversions including both direct flow and storage in Groundhog Reservoir have averaged approximately 125,000 acre-feet based on records over the years of 1986 through 2007. MVIC also utilizes storage in Narraguinnep Reservoir which accounts for another 15,500 acre-feet on average. In total, approximately 140,500 acre-feet on average has been delivered through the MVIC system.

### ***System Loss***

MVIC has made a number of improvements to its system including ditch lining and piping which has resulted in an increase in system efficiencies. Although overall system loss has not been quantified, a reasonable assumption may be 25%. MVIC continues to improve its delivery system thus reducing losses.

### ***Reservoir Operations***

Pursuant to contract, a portion of MVIC's water is stored in McPhee Reservoir which is later released to supplement diversions. Additionally, the District delivers Project Water from McPhee Reservoir for various uses including irrigation. However, Project Water can only be used on what is defined as irrigable lands and therefore, cannot be applied on all of the lands served by MVIC within its service area.

Groundhog Reservoir is located higher in the watershed above McPhee Reservoir and is decreed for a total of 21,709 acre-feet absolute. Of this amount, 3,960 acre-feet has been dedicated to the Division of Wildlife (DOW) for a fish pool pursuant to a 1975 agreement with the Division. Groundhog Reservoir is located on a tributary to the Dolores River and is used to supplement diversions through Main Canals No. 1 and No. 2 particularly during the summer months when the flow in the Dolores River declines.

Narraguinnep Reservoir provides supplemental water during the irrigation season and is typically drained each year. Water from this reservoir is delivered primarily to Canal No. 1.

### ***Demands***

The Definite Plan Report (DPR) which was developed for the Dolores Project identified and projected demands within the MVIC system. MVIC's operations with regard to the Dolores Project are based on irrigation of 37,500 acres at a projected demand of 4.01 acre-feet per acre (150,400 ac-ft). Of this amount, 11,200 of Class 6 lands cannot receive project water; the remaining acreage of 26,300 acres was defined as irrigable lands and could then receive Project Water.

### ***Supply vs. Demand***

Utilizing company storage as well as Project Water deliveries, MVIC has been able to meet current demands within the system as well as on occasion, lease water to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The ability to meet demands and lease water indicates an effective and efficient water system considering use of both direct flow and storage rights.

### ***Return Flows***

Water delivered from Groundhog Reservoir and Main Canals under MVIC's water rights is used in the McElmo Creek basin and therefore, is considered a transbasin diversion since these facilities are associated with diversions from the Dolores River basin. Similar to Summit's operations, recapture of transbasin diversion return flows may provide opportunities among the systems.

Assuming that MVIC delivers on average 140,500 acre-feet per year and that system loss and application efficiencies are 25% and 65%, respectively (similar to Summit), then the water available to meet crop demands would be about 68,500 acre-feet. The return flows generated on average (after accounting for transit loss) may be about 36,800 acre-feet, which on a monthly basis, equates to just over 3,000 acre-feet per month.

### ***Capacity Restrictions***

Under current existing operations, the MVIC system does not experience any restrictions with exception to releases from Groundhog or Narraguinnep Reservoirs. Releases from these facilities are managed considering stream channel conditions or receiving ditch capacity.

### ***Maintenance***

MVIC has an extensive crew that is used to complete on-going and regular maintenance of its facilities. This crew may also be available to assist Summit with its maintenance throughout the year.

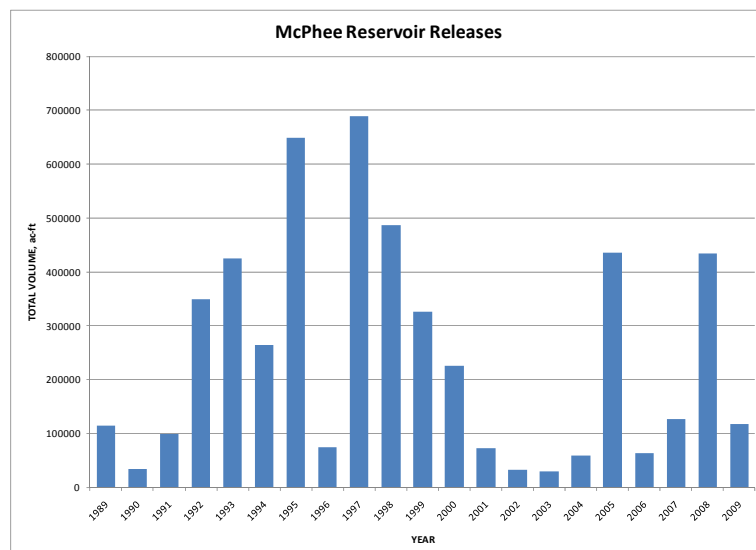
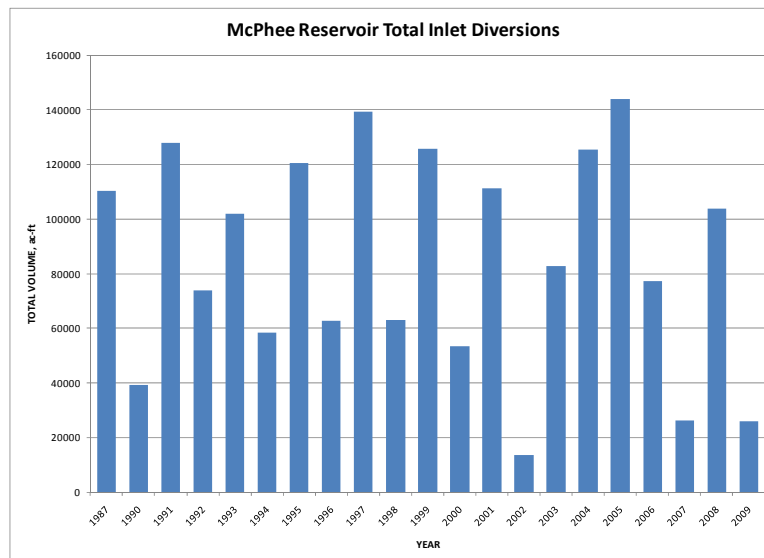
## **DOLORES PROJECT**

The Dolores Project is located in the Dolores and San Juan River Basins and uses water from the Dolores River for a multitude of uses including irrigation, municipal, and industrial uses. Areas served by the Project include Dove Creek area, the Montezuma Valley, and south to the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation. Water deliveries from the Dolores Project are contracted through and administered by the Dolores Water Conservancy District (District). The Project may provide a full and supplemental supply for irrigation of over 61,000 acres. The areas served by the Project fall within the boundaries of the District which also includes the MVIC service area.

The main water rights associated with the Dolores Project include a 585 cfs right for the McPhee Reservoir Inlet and a 750,000 acre-foot storage right. Both of these appropriations have a 1963 adjudication date and a 1940 appropriation date. These rights are fairly junior in the basin and therefore, are junior to the Summit and MVIC water rights. A summary of the water rights associated with the Dolores Project is listed below.

STRUCTURE	DECREED AMOUNT (cfs)	DECREED AMOUNT (ac-ft)	APPROPRIATION DATE	ADJUDICATION DATE
MCPHEE RESERVOIR		750,000	9/10/1940	3/22/1963
MCPHEE RESERVOIR INLET	585		9/10/1940	3/22/1963

The Dolores Project was completed around 1987 and has provided supplemental water since that time. Total annual diversions as reported for the inlet have varied over the years and have averaged approximately 85,100 acre-feet on an annual basis. During the drought of 2002, total diversions only amounted to a total of 13,600 acre-feet. As a junior water right in the basin, the carryover capacity of the reservoir is substantial and can provide a supplemental source during drought conditions. The variance in diversions and releases is reflected in the following charts.



## INSTREAM FLOW RIGHTS

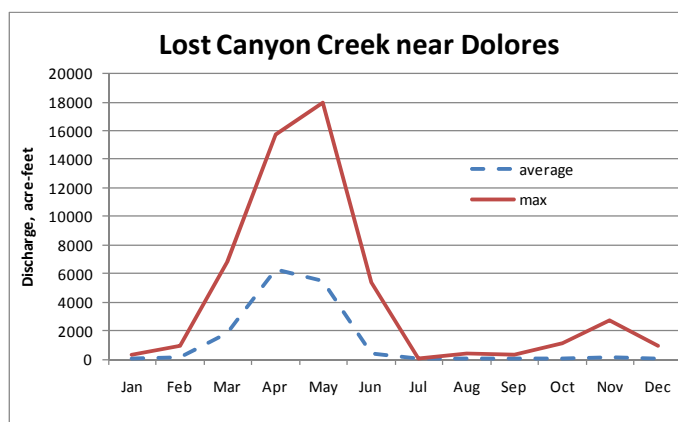
CWCB holds several decreed instream flow rights within the Dolores River basin. However, the water rights were filed in 1975 and later and therefore, would be junior to both Summit and MVIC's operations under its existing decreed water rights. Additionally, CWCB does not currently hold any instream flow rights on either Lost Canyon Creek or Turkey Creek. With respect to the existing instream flow rights on the Dolores River, any new appropriations or potential future changes would need to consider the potential impacts upon these existing rights.

## TURKEY CREEK

Data concerning flows on Turkey Creek was obtained from the USGS for the Lost Canyon Creek near Dolores gage (Station #09166950). Based on this information, the total volume reported is approximately 14,672 acre-feet on an average annual basis. Of this amount, approximately 95% of the total annual volume occurs during the March through June period. It should be noted that since the gage is located near Dolores, any diversion by upstream water rights would not be reflected in the gage flow during the irrigation season; no attempt has been made to correct the gage flow to reflect total flow. Therefore, during the storage and irrigation season, additional water would likely have been diverted by upstream water rights to the extent these rights were in priority. However, it should be noted that during this same period, diversions were being made by Summit as previously described. The following table and charts summarize the flow from Lost Canyon Creek near Dolores.

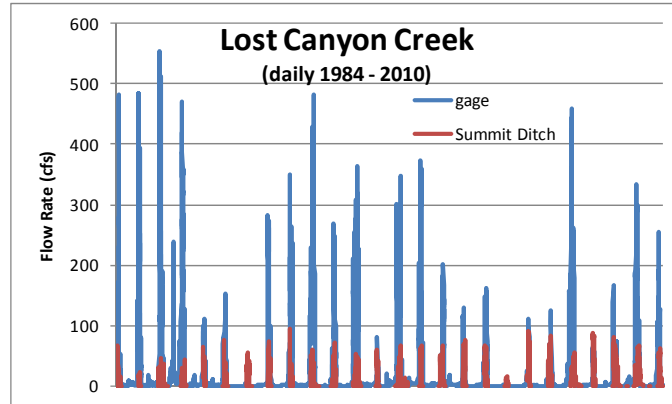
*monthly mean, ac-ft*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
average	87	139	1837	6297	5488	438	15	29	46	100	184	101	14762
max	307	922	6793	15747	17981	5425	59	430	360	1088	2689	910	36077



A review of the daily gaged Lost Canyon Creek flows was made with respect to the daily diversions through Summit Ditch. The following chart reflects stream flows and diversions over the period of 1984 through 2010 and as can be seen from the chart, Summit's diversions are only a small portion of the peak flows and generally fall below 100 cfs.





It should be noted that although flow is available during the year, on an average monthly basis, the bulk of the water would be available during February through June. Since it would be difficult to deliver water during the winter months through existing ditches, a new storage facility may make sense to capture flows during the non-irrigation season. Although flow may be available during the summer months, the Summit Ditch is usually at or near capacity and again, without a facility to capture available flow, it could not be delivered. Water storage at a new facility would need to be developed under a junior appropriation and again, would be subject to the water rights for the Dolores Project.

### ***Existing Water Rights***

The State Engineer's Office records were reviewed with respect to existing water rights on Lost Canyon Creek. Several water rights were noted which include other ditches, wells, reservoirs, and springs. With exception to two small water rights identified as the Royce and Risley Ditch (priority D-13 for 1.0 cfs) and the Sellars & McClane Sup Ditch (priority 62-20 for 2.5 cfs), all of Summit's water rights are senior to other existing water rights on Lost Canyon Creek. The water rights held by MVIC and DCWD would be senior to the existing rights as well. However, during the non-irrigation season, there may be opportunities to store water when it is available particularly if the water rights associated with the Dolores Project and MVIC storage are satisfied.

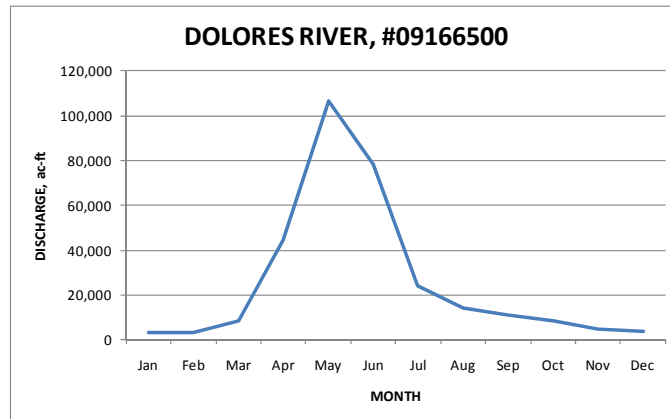
## **DOLORES RIVER**

The USGS has maintained a river gage on the Dolores River near Dolores, Colorado since around 1895. Measured flow provides a summary of fluctuations within the Dolores River basin, particularly during wet and dry cycles. Following is a summary of the data obtained from the USGS for the Dolores River gage:

### **DOLORES RIVER AT DOLORES, CO., STAID USGS 09166500**

Mean discharge, acre-feet

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
average	3,199	3,140	8,271	44,438	106,744	78,376	24,267	14,392	10,821	8,400	4,989	3,614	301,423
min	1,186	1,110	1,537	9,393	14,422	3,998	3,406	1,783	1,993	1,598	1,190	1,217	13,609
max	9,282	7,751	28,130	116,303	222,840	206,430	91,595	39,951	80,549	76,657	26,973	12,209	614,263



Similar to the information that was reviewed for Lost Canyon Creek, the Dolores River also reflects peak flows during the April through June timeframe. Outside of this period, the flows drop off rapidly and river discharge typically is well below 20,000 acre-feet per month.

The Dolores Project takes advantage of these peaking flows and captures the runoff water in McPhee Reservoir. Without the benefit of storage, reliance upon the native flow during the summer months for irrigation would be difficult.

## CONCEPTS OF A COMPANY MERGER

The concepts of a merger between Summit and MVIC have evolved since the original discussions began. At the onset of this study, discussions were held between company representatives to preliminarily explore how cooperation between the companies could enhance the overall operations of each and likewise, benefit the surrounding communities. Without a doubt, enhancing Summit's delivery and storage system would benefit the shareholders in the Summit Company, but would not directly benefit other users in the basin. However, enhancing Summit's system will provide additional return flows which, if recaptured, could be used to meet additional demands or possibly, serve as a source for environmental needs. Certainly, neither company would want to assume any further liabilities nor increase costs to its shareholders.

Construction of a storage reservoir upstream of Summit's existing Lost Canyon Creek diversion structure to store junior water rights or water diverted under an alternate point of diversion for existing storage for existing water rights owned by Summit or MVIC, the water could then be available to meet the irrigation needs of the company when droughts occur or could provide additional water supplies. The water stored by MVIC could be delivered to its shareholders by potentially utilizing the Summit Reservoir and Irrigation system when excess capacity existed. Obviously a new storage structure would require easements and approval of the Forest Service.

Considering the potential of coordination of efforts between Summit and MVIC, a number of possibilities could exist which may include the following:

Coordination of maintenance efforts.

- Reduction in liabilities.
- Enhance delivery & maximize diversions through modernization of facilities and real time monitoring.

- Extend season for Summit and enhance crop production as a result of additional storage.
- Potentially allow for irrigation of other lands previously irrigated under the Summit system.
- Potentially allow for leasing of supplies to other entities which may include leasing for augmentation purposes or instream flows.
- Establish a program to maintain dominion and control of all return flows for use and reuse.

Another option discussed included delivering water to lands located within the MVIC service area boundaries via Summit's system. These lands would be considered Class 6 lands. The lands are located south of Highway 160, south of Stinking Springs Canyon. Mr. Siscoe indicated that at some point in time, these lands were possibly served by a private lateral, remnants which are still evident. The area includes about 1,000 acres could potentially be irrigated. Water to serve these lands would be delivered from junior storage then be possibly routed through Summit's system.

Finally, it is apparent that at times, significant flows exist on Lost Canyon Creek that could be captured and put into storage for later use. Storage at a new site would be subject to other basin water rights, but conceptually, capturing high flows may alleviate times that Summit's water rights are called out or simply serve as a supplemental source.

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR SUMMIT**

A cooperative arrangement with MVIC could provide the following benefits particularly considering potential development of additional storage:

- Improved or reduced costs and increased maintenance efficiencies.
- Improve diversion efficiencies through modernization and real time monitoring.
- More consistent deliveries if additional storage occurs.
- Extended irrigation season with the development of additional storage.
- Increased crop yield and revenue.
- Increase water right and property value.

Changes in operations could potentially raise the following concerns:

- Evaluation of Summit's existing storage water rights.
- Increased costs for infrastructure development or improvements for Summit shareholders.

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR MVIC**

A cooperative arrangement with Summit could provide the following benefits:

- Potential for increased Summit return flows if additional storage occurs.
- Overall community benefit which may not be tangible.
- Potential for additional lands to be brought into irrigation in the event additional storage is developed.
- Annual revenue from equipment/staff use.

Changes in operations could potentially raise the following concerns:

- Potentially add new liabilities.
- Potential for additional costs to shareholders.

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR DWCD**

A cooperative arrangement with Summit and MVIC could provide the following benefits:

- Potential for use of Summit's and MVIC's return flows.
- Additional storage capacity if a new storage site was developed; could supplement McPhee Reservoir storage.
- Additional water for lease if additional storage is developed and water then made available to shareholders.

Changes in operations could potentially raise the following concerns:

- Reduction in river flows and impact in stream flow right in the Dolores but increase flows potential in McElmo Creek.

#### **WATER RIGHT MODIFICATIONS**

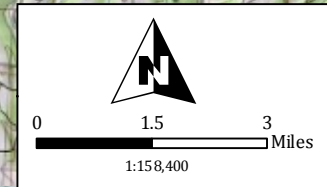
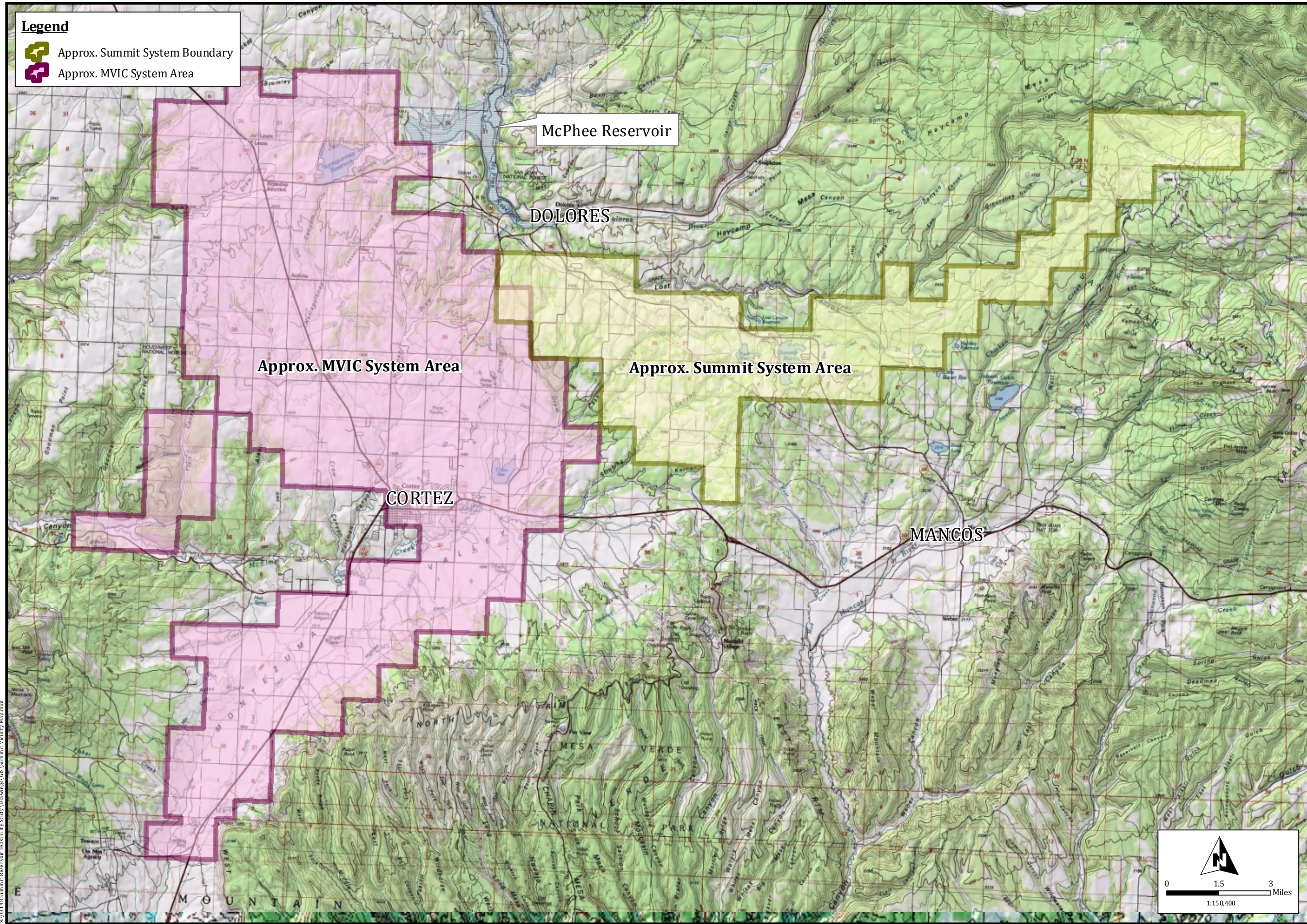
Considering the systems potentially involved in possible coordination (Summit, MVIC, and possibly DWCD), existing water rights may need to be modified to allow for the proposed operations. Additionally, new water rights may need to be filed in Water Court to provide for additional storage or other related operations. Consideration into further development of water storage or potential changes in operations should also consider limitations under existing water rights as well as potential cooperative operations among the three companies.

## FIGURES



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## APPENDIX A

### TABLES

TABLE A-1

SUMMIT DITCH  
Summary of Diversions

*all values in acre-feet*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1951	0	0	0	915	2747	274	0	0	0	0	0	0	3936
1952	0	0	0	1529	966	954	42	0	0	0	0	0	3492
1953	0	0	0	2204	2711	493	0	0	0	0	0	0	5408
1954	0	0	0	2289	1722	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4028
1955	0	0	0	2366	2979	292	36	79	0	0	0	0	5752
1956	0	0	327	3872	2057	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	6448
1974	0	0	0	1419	1620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3039
1975	0	0	0	920	3237	1853	327	0	0	0	0	0	6336
1976	0	0	0	4081	3378	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	7648
1977	0	0	0	384	206	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	610
1978	0	0	0	4135	2733	1309	22	0	0	0	0	0	8199
1979	0	0	0	4593	3982	1654	160	0	0	0	0	0	10389
1980	0	0	0	1512	3196	1036	0	0	0	0	0	0	5743
1981	0	0	0	2463	2965	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	5756
1982	0	0	31	2133	871	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3036
1983	0	0	0	670	677	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1372
1984	0	0	0	2193	530	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	2734
1985	0	0	0	424	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	641
1986	0	0	649	843	117	119	8	0	0	0	0	0	1736
1987	0	0	0	472	13	536	0	0	0	0	0	0	1021
1988	0	0	0	2304	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2585
1989	0	0	917	1502	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2569
1990	0	0	0	1205	1997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3201
1991	0	0	0	2252	753	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3005
1992	0	0	0	2360	299	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2659
1993	0	0	0	1740	97	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1846
1994	0	0	118	1387	1468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2973
1995	0	0	56	780	1189	350	16	0	0	0	0	0	2390
1996	0	0	0	1910	868	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2778
1997	0	0	4	864	1787	54	10	267	29	0	0	0	3014
1998	0	0	0	1069	2228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3297
1999	0	0	1017	1133	1131	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	3300
2000	0	0	0	1572	1029	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2601
2001	0	0	0	2175	1032	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3208
2002	0	0	8	561	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719
2003	0	0	0	2748	910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3658
2004	0	0	760	1914	720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3394
2005	0	0	0	631	1780	1247	134	30	15	0	0	0	3836
2006	0	0	0	2774	373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3147
2007	0	0	1406	2662	1553	286	0	0	0	0	0	0	5907
2008	0	0	161	335	3269	1216	103	0	0	0	0	0	5084
2009	0	0	0	893	2426	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	3521
average	0	0	130	1766	1486	302	20	9	1	0	0	0	3715
max	0	0	1406	4593	3982	1853	327	267	29	0	0	0	10389
min	0	0	0	335	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	610

TABLE A-2

## TURKEY CREEK DITCH

### Summary of Diversions

*all values in acre-feet*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1951	0	0	0	157	852	365	45	0	0	0	0	0	1420
1952	0	0	0	1230	2053	1628	416	113	0	0	0	0	5440
1953	0	0	0	395	869	562	87	63	0	0	0	0	1976
1954	0	0	0	572	778	162	96	67	0	0	0	0	1674
1955	0	0	0	336	1091	429	63	182	46	0	0	0	2148
1956	0	0	148	568	1258	458	79	23	0	0	0	0	2534
1974	0	0	0	54	654	79	103	61	48	75	0	0	1074
1975	0	0	0	0	1045	543	432	83	0	0	0	0	2104
1976	0	0	0	460	919	204	0	0	0	0	0	0	1582
1977	0	0	0	31	201	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	255
1978	0	0	0	623	1292	564	59	0	0	0	0	0	2538
1979	0	0	0	0	0	262	284	81	0	0	0	0	628
1980													
1981	0	0	0	485	639	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1124
1982	0	0	0	682	520	0	34	67	119	123	0	0	1545
1983	0	0	0	54	1488	1153	0	0	0	0	0	0	2694
1984	0	0	46	823	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	891
1985	0	0	0	586	519	3	0	0	0	37	0	0	1145
1986	1524	0	0	883	655	680	211	206	60	280	0	0	4501
1987	0	0	0	1000	239	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1247
1988	0	0	3	812	520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1336
1989	0	0	0	916	273	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	1206
1990	0	0	0	23	103	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
1991	0	0	0	505	656	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1161
1992	0	0	0	516	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	815
1993	0	0	216	725	378	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1324
1994	0	0	61	598	695	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1353
1995	0	0	114	437	582	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1151
1996	0	0	0	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117
1997	0	0	0	533	685	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1238
1998	0	0	282	1037	616	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1935
1999	0	0	0	315	451	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	778
2000	0	0	0	74	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143
2001	0	0	0	199	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	480
2002													
2003	0	0	0	338	231	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	569
2004	0	0	9	546	520	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	1127
2005	0	0	0	1345	1769	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	3225
2006	0	0	0	200	357	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	686
2007	0	0	411	514	904	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	1944
2008	0	0	365	1321	1289	157	169	36	0	0	0	0	3336
2009	0	0	0	805	1131	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	2040
average	38	0	41	517	676	196	52	25	7	13	0	0	1566
max	1524	0	411	1345	2053	1628	432	206	119	280	0	0	5440
min	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117

TABLE A-3

SUMMIT DITCH and TURKEY CREEK DITCH  
Summary of Total Diversions

*all values in acre-feet*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1951	0	0	0	1072	3599	639	45	0	0	0	0	0	5355
1952	0	0	0	2759	3019	2583	458	113	0	0	0	0	8932
1953	0	0	0	2599	3580	1055	87	63	0	0	0	0	7384
1954	0	0	0	2861	2500	179	96	67	0	0	0	0	5702
1955	0	0	0	2703	4070	721	99	261	46	0	0	0	7900
1956	0	0	475	4440	3314	651	79	23	0	0	0	0	8982
1974	0	0	0	1473	2274	79	103	61	48	75	0	0	4113
1975	0	0	0	920	4282	2396	759	83	0	0	0	0	8439
1976	0	0	0	4541	4296	394	0	0	0	0	0	0	9231
1977	0	0	0	415	408	35	8	0	0	0	0	0	866
1978	0	0	0	4758	4025	1873	81	0	0	0	0	0	10737
1979	0	0	0	4593	3982	1916	444	81	0	0	0	0	11017
1980	0	0	0	1512	3196	1036	0	0	0	0	0	0	5743
1981	0	0	0	2948	3604	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	6880
1982	0	0	31	2815	1391	0	34	67	119	123	0	0	4580
1983	0	0	0	724	2165	1178	0	0	0	0	0	0	4066
1984	0	0	46	3016	553	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	3625
1985	0	0	0	1011	735	3	0	0	0	37	0	0	1786
1986	1524	0	649	1726	773	799	219	206	60	280	0	0	6237
1987	0	0	0	1472	252	545	0	0	0	0	0	0	2268
1988	0	0	3	3116	802	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3921
1989	0	0	917	2418	423	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	3775
1990	0	0	0	1227	2100	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3344
1991	0	0	0	2757	1409	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4166
1992	0	0	0	2876	598	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3474
1993	0	0	216	2464	475	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	3171
1994	0	0	179	1985	2163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4327
1995	0	0	170	1217	1770	369	16	0	0	0	0	0	3542
1996	0	0	0	1910	986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2896
1997	0	0	4	1397	2471	74	10	267	29	0	0	0	4251
1998	0	0	282	2106	2845	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5232
1999	0	0	1017	1449	1582	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	4077
2000	0	0	0	1646	1099	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2744
2001	0	0	0	2374	1313	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3687
2002	0	0	8	561	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719
2003	0	0	0	3086	1141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4226
2004	0	0	769	2461	1240	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	4520
2005	0	0	0	1975	3549	1358	134	30	15	0	0	0	7061
2006	0	0	0	2974	730	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	3832
2007	0	0	1817	3176	2458	401	0	0	0	0	0	0	7851
2008	0	0	526	1656	4558	1373	272	36	0	0	0	0	8420
2009	0	0	0	1698	3556	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	5561
average	38	0	171	2284	2162	498	73	34	8	13	0	0	5280
max	1524	0	1817	4758	4558	2583	759	267	119	280	0	0	11017
min	0	0	0	415	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719

TABLE A-4

SUMMIT RESERVOIR OUITLET  
Summary of Releases

*all values in ac-ft*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1955	0	0	0	66	1824	1944	1663	688	520	126	0	0	6831
1956	0	0	0	407	2452	1827	1892	861	87	65	254	0	7845
1974	0	0	0	0	1484	892	0	119	0	131	0	0	2626
1975	0	0	0	0	514	2218	1325	1433	596	0	0	0	6086
1976	0	0	0	831	2645	1182	1403	501	0	0	159	0	6720
1977	0	0	0	0	71	71	0	0	0	0	272	0	415
1978	0	0	0	1235	1121	2019	1265	1064	0	190	137	0	7031
1979	0	0	0	2796	2498	4514	2662	2452	803	238	238	0	16200
1980	0	0	0	420	1459	2440	1301	1242	238	143	0	0	7242
1981	0	0	0	381	738	1201	625	617	0	107	0	0	3669
1982	0	0	0	1133	2156	1994	1431	1026	0	95	0	54	7889
1983	0	0	0	662	982	2360	1819	1769	852	155	143	0	8742
1984	0	0	0	0	1460	1819	1315	1266	13	119	0	0	5992
1985	0	0	0	1833	1627	1779	1195	1296	101	0	0	0	7830
1986	0	0	675	674	1312	1975	1363	1365	313	0	0	0	7678
1987	0	0	0	828	1636	1874	1387	1363	47	0	113	0	7248
1988	0	0	0	1269	1892	1394	1380	917	127	87	0	0	7066
1989	0	0	0	1934	1921	1452	1166	794	95	117	0	0	6855
1990	0	0	0	100	754	790	124	141	151	142	0	0	2202
1991	0	0	0	0	2514	1749	1598	744	0	0	0	0	6605
1992	0	0	0	1569	2149	1790	1543	740	0	0	0	0	7790
1993	0	0	63	595	1694	1848	1617	612	0	0	0	0	6429
1994	0	0	0	698	1600	1871	1737	634	32	63	0	0	6635
1995	0	0	0	323	1822	1995	1563	1558	227	0	0	0	7488
1996	0	0	0	409	1891	1575	737	163	146	0	0	0	4922
1997	0	0	256	78	1191	2115	1656	1219	374	145	0	0	7034
1998	0	0	0	0	1351	1728	1750	1137	118	0	0	0	6084
1999	0	0	0	1792	631	1560	1627	698	339	116	0	0	6763
2000	0	0	0	1390	1855	1854	986	0	111	56	0	0	6252
2001	0	0	0	487	2080	1806	1503	0	89	30	0	0	5993
2002	0	0	0	0	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220
2003	0	0	0	609	2575	1732	1793	0	0	0	0	0	6709
2004	0	0	0	1710	1771	1849	1202	0	0	0	0	0	6532
2005	0	0	0	0	1493	1656	1842	635	0	0	0	0	5625
2006	0	0	0	595	2154	1539	613	0	0	0	0	0	4901
2007	0	0	365	1765	2166	1962	1785	696	0	0	0	0	8739
2008	0	0	0	0	1900	2075	1660	202	0	0	0	0	5837
2009	0	0	0	0	1813	1787	1484	0	0	278	0	0	5361
average	0	0	36	700	1616	1743	1316	735	142	63	35	0	6371
max	0	0	675	2796	2645	4514	2662	2452	852	278	272	54	16200
min	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220