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## VISION OF WILDLIFE

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Theodore L. Hall  
Nelson, Haley, Patterson & Quirk, Inc.  
760 Horizon Drive  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Dear Mr. Hall:

After reviewing your proposed Grand Junction 201 Facilities plan I have the following comments to make:

From the aesthetic viewpoint, placement of interceptors below the surface would be the most desirable method of installation. Either this method or suspending the line from piers will disturb the river bottom considerably during the construction. The timing of construction activity can reduce or increase any effects of suspended soils. We would prefer scheduling of work activities to commence in late summer to avoid any disturbance of spawning activities on three species of "Endangered and Threatened" fish in the river below proposed river crossing.

For your information the "Endangered and Threatened" species in the area concerned are: the Humpback Chub, the Colorado River Squawfish, and the Razorback Sucker. Any channel alterations or bank encroachments should be undertaken with caution and these fish in mind. Under the 1973 "Endangered and Threatened Species Act" destruction of their habitat ranks comparably with possession of Peregrine Falcon, Golden Eagle, and the Whooping Crane from the standpoint of legal penalties. This is not intended to scare you off the different proposals but to point out the need for reasonable care in construction.

One comment regarding a river crossing. Was consideration given to correlating this with the proposed bridge at 22 1/2 Road?

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Rogers

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