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## **UTAH NETS SALINITY CONTROL FUNDS**

Travis James, salinity coordinator, has congratulated Barry Hamilton and his staff for "bringing home of bacon" during a recent Work Group meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum in Phoenix. The Utah NRCS delegation was successful in obtaining funding for a number of new and ongoing salinity control investigations and projects.

Karyl Fritsche, DC, Vernal presented a proposal to complete the Manila, Utah, Salinity Control Project Investigation. This project includes irrigated cropland in both Utah and Wyoming. The proposal was awarded \$73,319.

David Varner, DC, Green River, presented a proposal to complete the hydro-salinity analysis, design alternatives and Environment Assessment for the Green River, Utah, Project. This proposal was awarded \$81,011.

Gary Roeder, ARC, Price, Utah, presented two proposals: (1) Salinity and sediment control demonstration in the Montezuma Creek watershed near Monticello. The proposal was awarded \$92,000. (2) Accelerated wildlife habitat replacement for the existing salinity control projects; the proposal was awarded \$150,000.

Mark Quilter, Utah Department of Ag. and Food, and Basin States Parallel Program Manager for Utah presented a proposal developed in cooperation with Ron Francis, NRCS public affairs specialist, to produce a video presentation on the success of the Ferron Salinity Control Unit. The video proposal was awarded up to \$20,000 on an actual cost basis.

In all, over \$400,000 will be made available from the Basin States Parallel Program Discretionary Account to benefit Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Activities in Utah in 2006. This amount is in addition to the \$3.3 million provided to Utah from the Basin States Parallel Program Proportional Account.

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