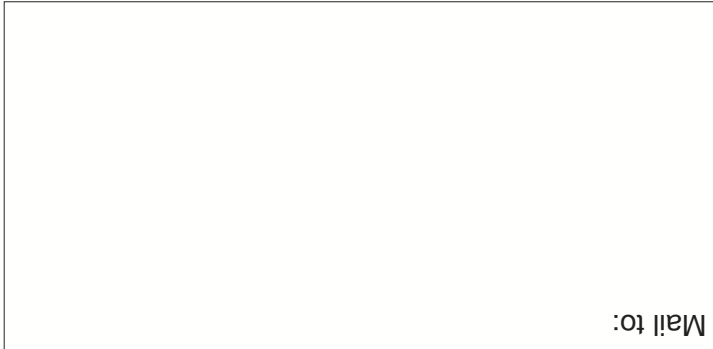


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How to Learn More?

We encourage you to learn more about the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Impact Statement process, and current National Environmental Policy Act activities by visiting or contacting the following:

- Bureau of Reclamation's NEPA Web site at:
<http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/guide/nepa.html>
- Bureau of Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office Web site at:
<http://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao>
- The Council on Environmental Quality's NEPANet for government-wide NEPA information at:
<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>
- U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Dakotas Area Office
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Resource Management Plan for Angostura Reservoir Continues

For those of you new to our mailing list, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), continues work on a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Angostura Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for future use, management and development of Angostura Reservoir. The RMP will include background information on the Angostura Irrigation District and water contracts, but **will not** address Reservoir water operations, irrigation facilities, or lands with the District.

We send newsletters to keep you informed on the progress of the RMP. This is the third newsletter. In this edition you will find the current status of the RMP and three alternatives, including a no-action and two action alternatives for your review and comment.

Please send your comments by August 31, 2008, so they may be considered in the development of the preferred alternative for the RMP.



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Maps and Other Information

You can review maps showing proposed management actions, MU objectives, proposed alternatives table and other relative information about the RMP at the following link:
www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao

RMP Update

Since the last newsletter the RMP team has reviewed the public comments and worked to include them into the proposed alternatives based on the developed goals and objectives. The focus group assisted with the development of the alternatives and will continue assisting the RMP team through information gathering. Currently the draft alternatives are being analyzed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act process. The RMP team held a second series of open house meetings to present the proposed draft alternatives for review and comment.

The team is reviewing comments received on the draft alternatives and preparing a draft environmental assessment which will be ready for public review at the end of 2008. The final RMP will be prepared based on the preferred alternative.

A fourth newsletter will present the final RMP and a tentative schedule for implementation.

Alternative A – No Action This alternative would be a continuation of existing management of Angostura Recreation Area and would continue as outlined in existing agreements, current laws, new or amended regulations, and policy. The 1992 Master Plan would serve as the blueprint for management of the area. In addition

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to the Master Plan, improvements would be made on an "as needed" basis, or if needed to meet health, safety, American's with Disabilities Act or other legal requirements.

Alternative B – Developed Recreation

Under this alternative a variety of improvements would be made to visitor use facilities, recreational areas, and resources areas. This alternative would allow for a balance between natural resource protection, developed recreation and dispersed recreation. It would limit degradation of natural and cultural resources while developing diverse recreation opportunities consistent with the Management Unit Goals.

Alternative C – Enhanced Recreation

This alternative would include all of the proposed actions from Alternative B plus additional recreational developments which provide for an increase in the overall development in MU's 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, and 19.

Proposed Management Actions Considered but Eliminated

The actions in this category were not considered feasible at this time. The reasons for these determinations will be included in the Environmental Assessment.

Open House Meetings

Informal open houses were held to present the proposed alternatives for review and comment in three locations in July, 2008. Visitors were able

to view displays and other information and talk to Reclamation and SDGFP staff about the reservoir and the RMP.

We will consider comments from the public and incorporate changes into the RMP as appropriate.

Attendance at the meetings follows:

July 28, 2008	Rapid City	70 attendees
July 29, 2008	Chadron, Nebraska	17 attendees
July 30, 2008	Hot Springs	20 attendees

The Focus Group Update

SDGFP and Reclamation would like to thank the focus group members for their participation in the development of the proposed management actions.

Please take a moment to thank the focus group members for all their hard work on your behalf during the last several months. The focus group has had a very active role up to this point to make sure the public's comments and concerns are reviewed and will continue to do so throughout the RMP process.

As a reminder the focus group consists of 14 primary members with multiple interests including a representative from SDGFP and Reclamation. The purpose of the group is to help identify issues raised by the public, assist with development of alternatives, and be a



(Above) At the public open house in Chadron, Nebraska, Reclamation staff explain proposed alternatives to be included in the Resource Management Plan.



(Above) Public open house held in Rapid City, South Dakota, on July 28, 2008.

contact for the public. Additional individuals were brought in to assist the Focus Group in the decision making process for specific issues.

The focus group members have met six times beginning in November 2007. The members were assigned tasks to assist with the RMP process. The most recent task was to assist with the review of the proposed management actions and help to formulate the alternatives.

How to Stay Involved

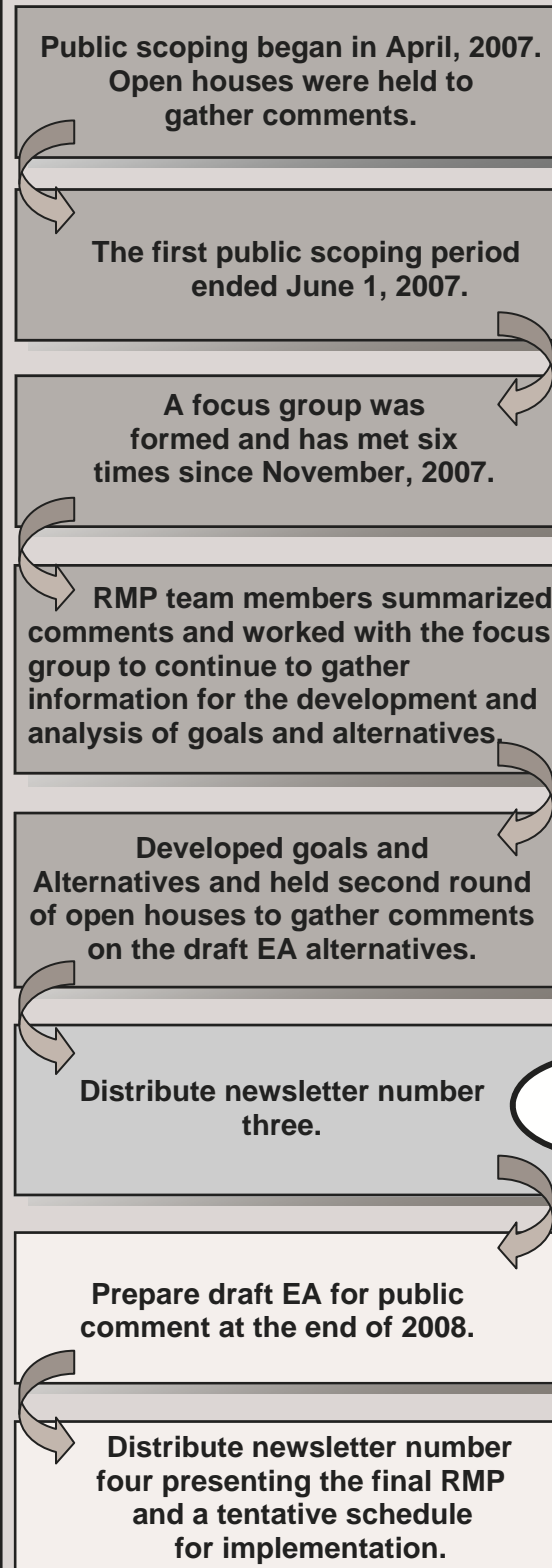
Public involvement is one of the most important aspects of planning during the RMP development process. We encourage everyone to stay involved by providing comments and suggestions at anytime during the RMP planning process.

The following is a brief list of ways you may want to participate in the public involvement process:

- Attend Open House Meetings
- Visit the RMP Website to Review New Information
- Watch for Media Coverage on Upcoming Events
- Be Attentive to Information Provided in Periodic Newsletters
- Participate in Surveys
- Contact a Focus Group Member for Updates
- Send Us Your Comments

For your convenience, a comment form is provided as an insert in this newsletter.

Project Timeline



Steps Completed