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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Subject: Bighorn River Dam and Reservoir Working Group Meeting

On June 8, 2007, the Bureau of Reclamation will be hosting the third meeting of the Bighorn River System, Long-Term Issues Working Group (Group) at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Lovell, Wyoming. A draft meeting agenda is included at the end of this message. Your participation is welcome and would be greatly appreciated.

The meeting will continue on the theme of understanding the “sideboards” or constraints under which the Yellowtail Unit is operated. Topics will include:

- State Water Administration for Wyoming and Montana
- Reclamation Water Operations in Wyoming
- Crow Indian Water Rights Compact
- Updates on Technical Team Activities

The meeting will be followed by a tour of the southern end of the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

Information regarding Project Authorities and Obligations, Reservoir Operations, and Power Generation presented at our previous meeting on April 12 in Ft. Smith Montana is available on our Website at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/> for your review.

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Sincerely,

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Big Horn River System
Long-Term Issues Group
Meeting Agenda-June 8, 2007
National Park Service Visitor Center
Lovell, Wyoming

Meeting outcomes

- 1) Shared understanding of state water management and water obligations to Crow nation.
- 2) Improved knowledge of basin-wide water management.
- 3) Clarification of need and role for technical expertise.
- 4) Continued refinement of charter and problem statements.

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and introductions
- 9:10 Overview (Beck)
- Review agenda, purpose, ground rules
 - Summary of first two meetings
- 9:15 Water Administration by MT and WY (Smith, Kerbel)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:10 Reclamation Water Operations in Wyoming (Lawson)
- 11:00 Crow Compact (Majel Russell, Aycock)
- 11:45 Lunch—provided for nominal reimbursement
- 12:15 Technical Teams (Duberstein, Beck)
- Sediment, Flood Pool Analysis, River Degradation, others
- 12:45 Group Discussion
- Revisit and confirm problem statement
 - Continued discussion on scope of group's work
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Group process, schedule and products (Jordan, Beck)
- 2:30 Meeting close out, depart for field visit
- 2:30 Field visit to recreation sites on the reservoir (NPS)
- 4:45 Field visit concludes