

Big Horn River System
Long-Term Issues Group
Meeting Agenda - April 12, 2007
National Park Service Headquarters,
Fort Smith, Big Horn County, Montana

Meeting purpose

- 1) Increase shared understanding of project authorities and reservoir operations.
- 2) Review and discuss draft problem and purpose/charter statements.
- 3) Discuss proposed planning process.

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:10 Overview (Beck)

- Review agenda, desired outcomes, process, ground rules
- Overview of first meeting

9:20 Problem Statement and Purpose/Charter (All)

- Present and discuss draft problem statement and group charter

9:50 Roles Discussion (Duberstein, Beck)

- Committee members, Agencies, Public

10:15 Break

10:30 Overview of Authorities (Duberstein)

11:00 Reservoir Operations

- Presentation, Questions and answers on operations

12:00 Lunch (sandwiches and soft drinks provided-cost \$6.00)

12:45 Planning Process

- Review and discuss draft of process including end product

1:45 Power Generation (Hellekson)

2:15 Wrap Up

- Meeting review
- Next meeting

2:30 Site visit introduction (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks)

2:45-5:00 Site visit to Big Horn River

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Draft Purpose and Problem Statements

Purpose/Charter Statement

The Big Horn River System Long-Term Coordinating Group has been formed to identify, explore, and recommend alternative courses of action to the federal and state agencies responsible for managing Big Horn River and Big Horn Reservoir resources for their consideration as part of long-term management strategies.

Problem Statement

The amount of water available in the Big Horn River system to support required and desired uses including tribal obligations, recreation, aquatic organisms' habitat, power generation, and irrigation is limited and variable. Our challenge is to take a new look at recreation, fish and wildlife uses and needs, while recognizing commitments to authorized project purposes and other legal obligations—including water rights.