HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

AREA OFFICE

Inflows to Pactola Reservoir for the month of July were the fifth highest in 56 years on record. Inflows to Lake Tschida were the sixth lowest on record for the month of July. Inflows to E. A. Patterson Lake were the thirteenth lowest on record for the month of July.

End-of-month storage content at Lake Tschida was the fifth lowest for the month of July. End-of-month storage content at E. A. Patterson was the second lowest for the month of July. July end-of-month elevation at Belle Fourche Reservoir was the third highest in 56 years on record.

EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE

The Lake Granby storage of 437,100 acre-feet (AF) on July 31, 2008, was 25,800 AF below average and 14,100 AF higher than 1 year ago. Colorado-Big Thompson Project storage water in Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 615,100 AF on July 31, 2008, 40,200 AF below average and 76 percent of the total available storage capacity.

Total water storage in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at the end of July 2008 was 539,100 AF, and 6,400 AF higher than 1 year ago.

MONTANA AREA OFFICE

For the month of July, inflow to Clark Canyon Reservoir was the eleventh highest on record; inflow to Canyon Ferry Reservoir was the sixteenth highest and inflow to Bighorn Lake was the fourteenth highest on record.

End of July storage in Clark Canyon Reservoir was the twelfth highest on record; end of July storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir was the eleventh highest; storage in Fresno Reservoir was the ninth highest; storage in Bighorn Lake was the fifth highest; and storage in Lake Elwell was the fourth highest on record.

NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE

End of July storage in Bonny Reservoir was the lowest ever recorded for the month.

WYOMING AREA OFFICE

Bighorn River Basin

Nothing significant to report this month.

North Platte River Basin

The Kendrick and Glendo ownerships at the end of July were the fifth lowest in the last 30 years.

OKLAHOMA-TEXAS AREA OFFICE

Nothing significant to report this month.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

The water levels of the three biggest Missouri River Reservoirs rose from nearly 11 feet to almost 18 feet since April 1 due to the combination of a normal mountain snowpack, rain over much of the upper basin and flood-producing rain in the lower basin. The reservoir system has recovered about a third of the storage lost during this prolonged drought.

System storage in the six main stem reservoirs was 45.8 million acre-feet (MAF) on July 1, an increase of 2 MAF in July . Runoff for 2008 is forecasted to be 26.3 MAF an increase of 1.3 MAF from last month's forecast.

The six main stem power plants generated a record low 446 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in July, only 46 percent of normal because of lower pool levels and reduced releases from the dams. Total energy production for 2008 is forecasted to be 5 billion kWh, compared to the average annual generation of 10 billion kWh.