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## **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

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From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Yellowtail Water Release Order - BHR No. 08-03**

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3625.13; Storage: 915,274 acre-feet; River Release: 1,900 cfs; Inflow: 1,265 cfs;

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Power generation indicates river flows are actually higher than anticipated. In response, the following operation change is required at Yellowtail Dam and powerplant.

**NOTE:** This is the time period when fish are less affected by high levels of nitrogen gas super-saturation. Since mixing flows through the spillway gates and through the sluice gates is not required at this time, it is still desirable to provide a mixing flow of approximately 75% through the spillway gates and 25% through the sluice gates whenever the level of the Afterbay allows for the flows to be released through the spillway gates.

### **TURBINE RELEASES:**

**At 1600 hour on Friday, January 11 2008:**

*Maintain average daily turbine release at 1,830 cfs ( $\approx$  1,300 MW-Hrs/day using 33.8 cfs/mw).*

### **AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:**

**At 1600 hour on Friday, January 11, 2008:**

*Maintain diversions to Bighorn Canal at 0 cfs.*

*Maintain river release at 1,900 cfs (decrease gage height to 60.10 & apply new shift of -0.61).*

*Maintain total release from the Afterbay at 1,900 cfs.*

/S/ Tim H. Felchle