

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Notice of Floodplain Involvement for the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1  
Transmission Line**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Floodplain Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposes to redirect the flow of the Little Laramie River about 9 miles north west of Laramie, Wyoming, to prevent a transmission line structure on the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line from being washed out. The wood pole H-frame transmission line structure is located in the center of a small ox bow of the Little Laramie River. The river has eroded the bank on the ox bow to within a few feet of the structure. If the current rate of erosion continues, the structure could potentially fail during the year 2000 spring runoff. Per a review of the flood hazard maps for Albany County, Wyoming, Western determined that redirecting the flow of the river around the transmission line structure involves the 100-year floodplain of the Little Laramie River. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a floodplain assessment and will perform the proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below no later than [insert date 15 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. Jim Hartman, Environment

Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power  
Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, email hartman@wapa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rodney Jones, Environmental  
Specialist, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power  
Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, telephone (970) 490-7371,  
email rjones@wapa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal to redirect the flow of the Little  
Laramie River to avoid potential failure of a transmission line structure would involve  
construction activities within the floodplain, including mechanical land excavation of a  
new channel that would cut across a small ox bow. The floodplain assessment will  
examine the construction of a new channel that would divert the river flow away from  
the transmission line structure. The Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line  
crosses the floodplain of the Little Laramie River in Albany County, Wyoming in  
T. 17 N., R. 74 W., Sections 7, 17, and 18. Maps and further information are available  
from Western from the contact above.

Dated:

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Administrator