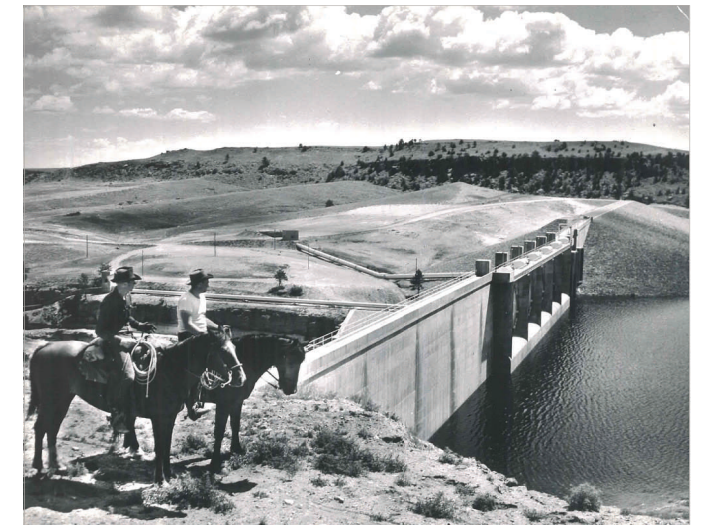


## Angostura Resource Management Plan

### Resource Management Plan Underway for Angostura Reservoir

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), has started work on a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Angostura Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for the future use, management and development for Angostura Reservoir. This newsletter provides information about the RMP and how the public can be involved.



This photo (circa 1950) shows two cowboys watching the reservoir fill during the final stages of construction.

### About Angostura Reservoir

Angostura Reservoir is located on the Cheyenne River approximately 9 miles southeast of Hot Springs, South Dakota, at the southeastern edge of the Black Hills. It is part of the Angostura Unit which includes the dam, reservoir, Angostura Irrigation District (District), and irrigation facilities.



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Angostura Unit was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1944 as part of the Pick Sloan Missouri Basin

Reclamation completed construction of the dam in 1949. The first delivery of irrigation water occurred in 1953. The primary purpose of the reservoir is to store water for irrigation of 12,218 acres of private land within the District, which extends 24 miles downstream of the dam along the Cheyenne River. The water contracted to the District is the active conservation pool of 80,843 acre-feet shown on figure 1. Reclamation has a contract with the District to deliver this water. The District has operated and maintained Angostura Dam and irrigation facilities through an agreement with Reclamation since January 1, 1968.

Other purposes Angostura Unit include flood control, fish and wildlife conservation, recreation, and sediment control. Recreation, fisheries and

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#### How to Learn More?

We encourage you to learn more about the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Impact Statement process, and current National Environmental Policy Act activities by visiting or contacting the following:

- Bureau of Reclamation's NEPA Web site at:  
<http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/guide/nepa.html>
- Bureau of Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office Web site at:  
<http://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao>
- The Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA net for government-wide NEPA information at:  
<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>
- U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Dakotas Area Office  
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(Above) Angostura Reservoir. Photo courtesy of South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

wildlife management activities have been administered by SDGFP through agreements with Reclamation since 1954.

Angostura Recreation Area is considered by many as a premier recreation area for southwestern South Dakota and the surrounding region.

Public use of Angostura Recreation Area is expected to increase in future years due to the growing population in and around the Black Hills. Improved access and new development along Highway 79 may also contribute to an increase in visitation.

## Lands and Resources Considered

The RMP will address all lands and resources within Reclamation's boundary around Angostura Reservoir. This includes approximately 4,700 surface acres of water at the top of active conservation and about 4,561 acres of land. The RMP will include background information on the District and water contracts but **will not** address reservoir water operations, irrigation facilities, or lands within the District.

## Purpose of the RMP

The RMP will guide the management of resources and activities at Angostura Reservoir. It will describe the resources and uses at the reservoir and set long term goals for managing these resources.

The RMP will be developed in cooperation with SDGFP. Public participation will be an

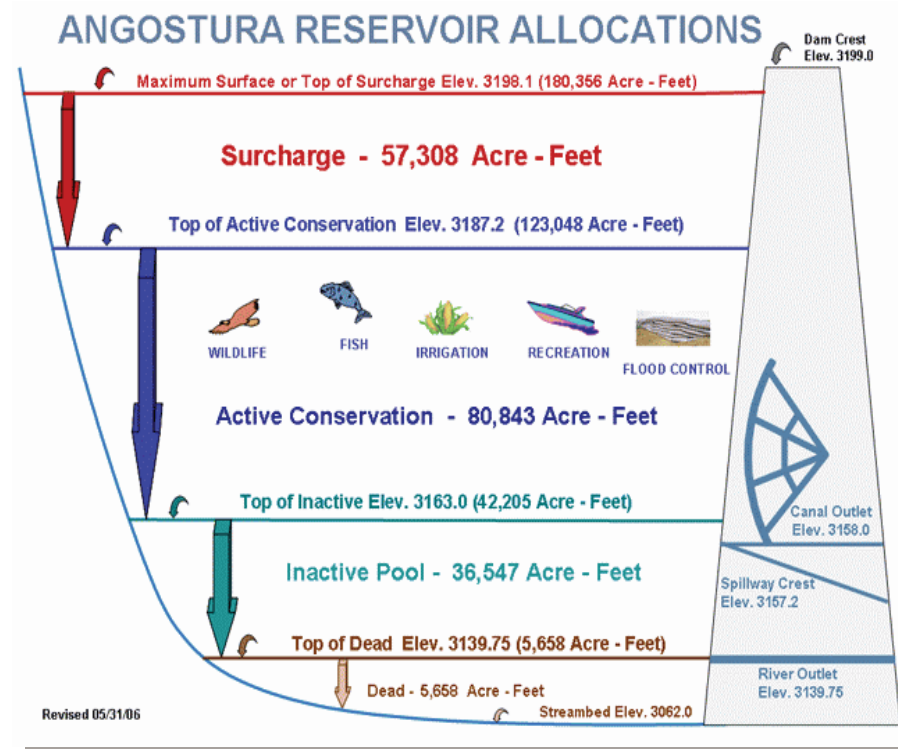


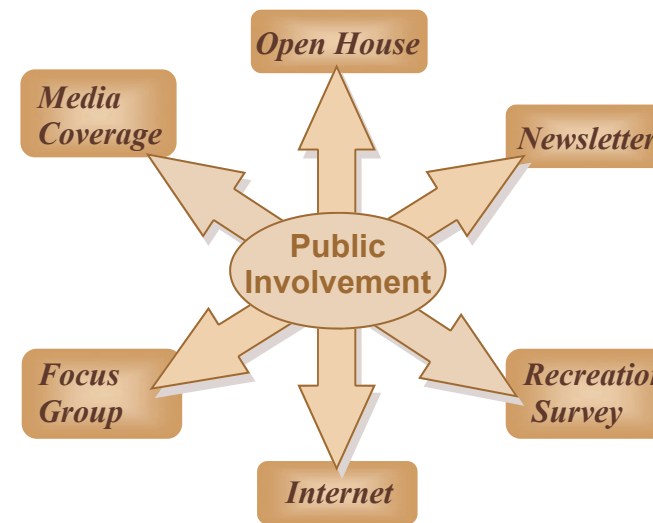
Figure 1.

## Be Involved

We invite your comments on the activities that take place within the different management units, proposed new activities, and the areas of interest that will be covered in the RMP.

**Please send your initial comments by June 1, 2007, so they may be considered in the development of alternatives for the RMP and in the Environmental Assessment.**

Ways to provide your input and stay involved in the RMP process follow:



**Newsletters**— Newsletters will provide periodic updates on the RMP and information on upcoming events. Please contact Reclamation to be added to the project mailing list.

**Internet**- A web site will provide current news and information on the RMP. A link to this site will be posted at: [www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao](http://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao).

**Recreation Surveys**— Surveys will be available at the open houses, via the project website, or you may call Reclamation to request one.



(Above) Angostura Reservoir

**Media coverage**- Watch for updates on the RMP in local newspapers, radio and television.

**Public open houses**- These open houses will be informal gatherings where you may view displays about the reservoir and the RMP, visit with Reclamation and SDGFP staff about the RMP, and provide your comments.

**Focus group**— A group of 10-20 individuals will help to identify issues, keep other members of the public informed, and review goals and alternatives. It will include people from agencies and organizations as well as members of the general public with an interest in recreation and other activities at Angostura. Contact us if you are interested in being considered as a focus group member.

### Send Reclamation your comments.

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## National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, is a law that directs federal agencies to inform the public about federal actions. While the RMP is being developed, Reclamation will prepare an environmental assessment which describes the impacts to the human and natural environment of the proposed RMP and any alternatives. Reclamation will seek and consider public input in developing alternatives and defining impacts. The selected alternative will become the final RMP.

### RMP Steps

- Public Scoping is scheduled to begin in April of 2007 with the public open houses as highlighted below.
- Initial comments should be submitted by June 1, 2007.
- The focus group will be formed and begin to meet in the Spring – Summer of 2007.
- RMP team members and the focus group will continue to gather information to be used in the development and analysis of the goals and alternatives.
- Distribute newsletter number two.
- Develop goals and alternatives based on the information received during the scoping process.
- Preparation of draft RMP and EA for public comment.
- Distribute newsletter number three and hold second open house to gather comments and input on the draft RMP and EA.
- Distribute newsletter number four which will present the final RMP and a tentative schedule for implementation.

#### Public Open House Schedule:

Monday, April 9, 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Rapid City, South Dakota, Ramkota

Tuesday, April 10, 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Hot Springs, South Dakota, Mueller Center

Thursday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Chadron, Nebraska, Motel 6

important part of the RMP. It will allow those who are interested in the management of the reservoir to express concerns, opportunities, and ideas, while recognizing that all current and proposed uses must fit with the authorized purposes of the reservoir and other laws and policy.

Different areas around the reservoir are used for different purposes. These are known as management units. Currently, there are five different management units at Angostura Reservoir. These management units are referred to as administrative, developed recreation, cabin and trailer areas, multiple use, and the reservoir.

While developing the RMP, we will look at the natural resources and activities that currently take place in each of these management units. We will develop goals to manage and protect the resources and provide maximum recreation benefits to the public. Based on the overall goals, management unit boundaries may change somewhat or facilities, activities, or programs may be added or removed from management units. The final RMP



will describe what will take place in each management unit. Each management unit will have a work packet that lists, prioritizes, and estimates time and costs for the work to be accomplished within 5-year periods.

### Areas of Interest

Following is an initial list of resources, facilities and activities to be considered in the RMP:

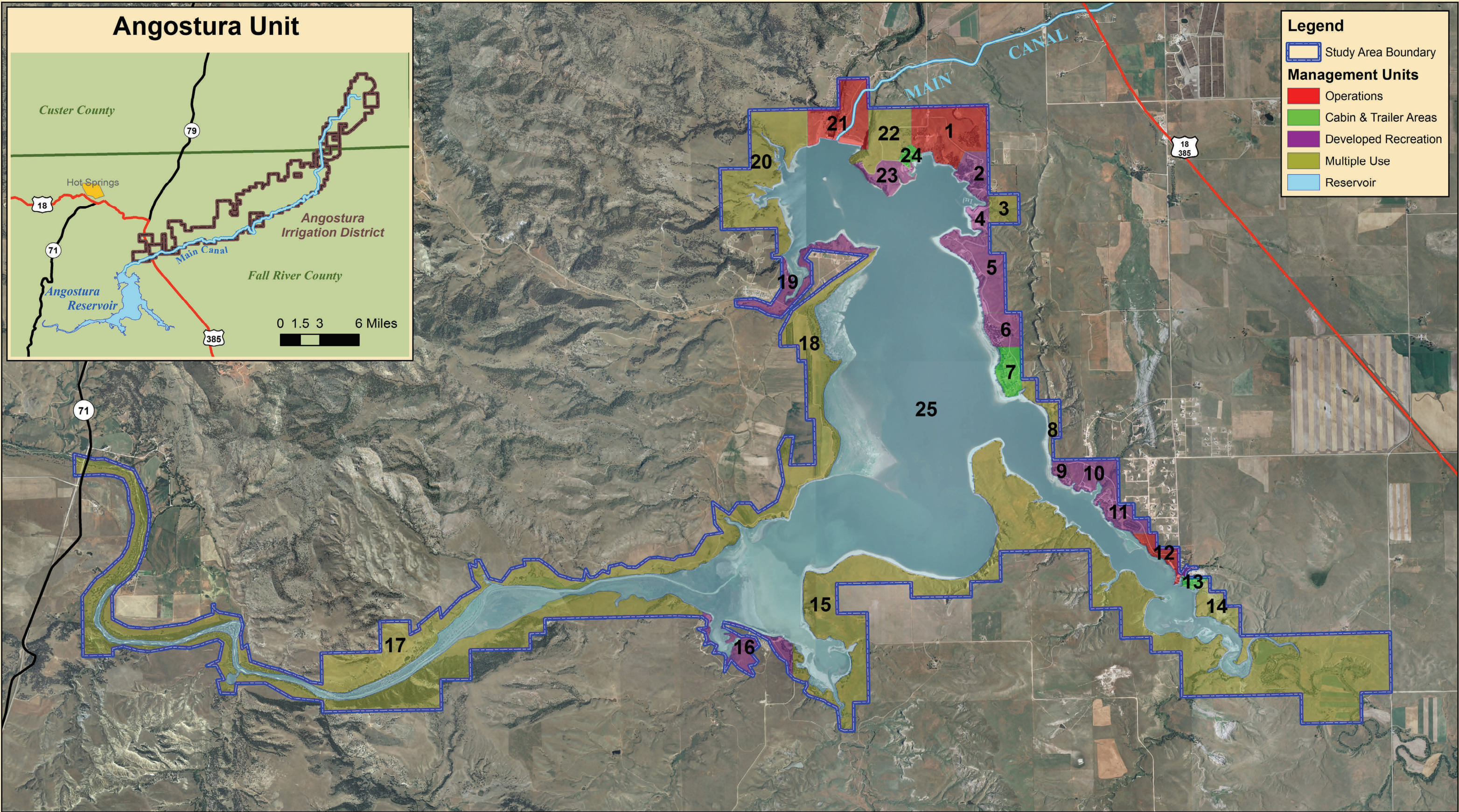
#### Recreation Management

- Current and projected visitation
- Need for additional recreation facilities
- Existing and future developed campgrounds
- Primitive camping
- Concession including trailer areas, group cabin area and marinas
- Picnic/day use areas
- Boat ramps
- Water sports
- Swim beaches
- Interpretive sites
- Permit cabin Area
- Walk-in Areas

#### Land and Resource Management

- Ownership and adjacent land uses
- Access to lands around reservoir
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat including threatened and endangered species, game species, and fisheries
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation inventory and condition
- Native vegetation
- Noxious weeds
- Shelter belts and food plots
- Water quality





#### Legend

- Study Area Boundary
- Management Units**
- Operations
- Cabin & Trailer Areas
- Developed Recreation
- Multiple Use
- Reservoir

Black Hills Meridian,  
 Fall River and Custer Counties, SD  
 USGS Quadrangle:  
 Angostura Reservoir

## Map Showing Angostura Reservoir Resource Management Plan Study Area and Management Units



This map was prepared from the best available information and is subject to certain inaccuracies. Created by Bureau of Reclamation Dakotas Area Office: March 26, 2006

Management Unit Number	Area Description	Accessible Features	Camping Sites (With Electrical Hookups)	Camping Sites (Without Electrical Hookups)	Camping Cabins	Picnic Lodges	Swimming Shelters	Swimming Beach	Walk/Bike Path	Playground Equipment	Interpretive Displays	Information	Marina	Boat Ramp	Boat Dock	Fishing Pier	Fish Cleaning Station	Trash Container	Dump Station	Vault Toilet	Comfort Station	Potable Water
1	North Entrance & Headquarters	*	*	*					*			*						*	*	*	*	*
2	Cheyenne Campground	*	*	*					*									*	*	*	*	*
3	General Recreation																	*	*	*	*	*
4	Marina/Concession Area	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
5	Day Use Area	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6	Cascade Campground	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
7	Cabin Area A																					
8	General Recreation						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
9	Hat Creek Campground	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10	Horsehead Boat Ramp	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
11	Horsehead Campground	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12	South Entrance & Boat Ramp	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
13	South Trailer Area																					*
14	General Recreation																					
15	General Wildlife																					
16	Bailey's Lake Side Use Area		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
17	Cheyenne River Lake Side Use Area																					
18	Cheyenne River Lake Side Use Area		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19	Shep's Canyon Lake Side Use Area																					
20	General Recreation																					
21	Operations																					
22	General Recreation																					
23	North Boat Ramp / Disk Golf	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24	North Trailer Area																					*
25	Angostura Reservoir																					*

**Table of Existing Facilities in Management Units  
Around Angostura Reservoir.**