NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

Proposed Federal Action

Reclamation and the Army Corp of Engineers are proposing to implement a passage alternative at the Intake Diversion Dam to help pass the endangered pallid sturgeon.

The proposed modification is needed to comply with the Endangered Species Act. Federal Agencies are required to spend federal dollars to help in the recovery of threatened or endangered species.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

The agencies have drafted an Environmental Assessment to determine what affect the project will have on the environment.

The EA is a concise document, analyzing potential environmental impacts of the project. The EA process concludes with either a Finding of No Significant Impact or a determination to proceed to an Environmental Impact Statement.

Public Participation

You have valuable information about Intake Diversion Dam and the potential environmental, social, and economic effects that could result from the implementation of the action.

The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for you to be involved in the agencies' decision-making process.

Commenting on the Draft EA is an opportunity to provide input on what resources may be impacted by the project and how changes may impact you or other groups. Both Agencies will take into consideration all comments provided on NEPA documents during the comment period.

What's Next?

Reclamation and the Army Corp of Engineers are gathering public comments at these meetings, via mail and via electronic submittal through Reclamation's website at *www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/lower yellowstone /index.html* until May 1, 2014.

Written Comments can be submitted to:
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Montana Area Office
ATTN: Intake Diversion Dam EA
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