

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

This final EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is made up of two parts. The first part presents the comments received on the draft EIS and Reclamation's (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's) responses. The second part is the EIS itself, revised as a result of comments received on the draft.

The Angostura Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released for review by the Tribes, other agencies, and the public January 5, 2001. Copies were mailed to the Tribes, State and other Federal agencies, and interests and private parties on the mailing list (see the EIS, Chapter Five, "Distribution List" for more details). The comment period ended April 27, 2001 (although comments received after this date were also accepted).

LETTERS

Comments were received by letter, during public hearings, and from e-mail and telephone messages.

The letters—compressed to place two pages of the letter onto a single page of this report—are situated in the left-hand column of the pages to follow. Reclamation's responses to numbered and highlighted comments in the letters appear in the right-hand columns, across from the comment. A total of 18 letters were received on the draft EIS (see "Contents" below for specific page numbers).

Included with the letters are the comment cards provided at the public hearings. A total

of 35 of these cards were returned. Most cards expressed an identical comment, so they were consolidated in this report in the interest of space.

HEARING COMMENTS

Comments from the five public hearings held in the Angostura area follow the letters section. A court reporter from Capital Reporting Service of Rapid City, South Dakota, produced an official record of the hearings.

Hearings were held at these locations on these dates:

- Rapid City, February 13, 2001
- Hot Springs, February 14, 2001
- Pine Ridge Reservation (Kyle), February 15, 2001
- Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation (Eagle Butte), February 21, 2001
- Lower Brule Sioux Reservation (Lower Brule), February 22, 2001.

Dates and locations were announced in area newspapers before the hearings were held. The hearings were combined with an open workshop afterwards in which the public could question the EIS team. Translators were supplied for hearings on the reservations. At the Rapid City hearing, 17 people signed in, 45 people at Hot Springs, 20 at Kyle, 9 at Eagle Butte, and 18 at Lower Brule.

Record of the hearings is arranged in the same manner as the letters: The record with numbered and highlighted comments is in the left-hand column, Reclamation's responses in the right-hand column.

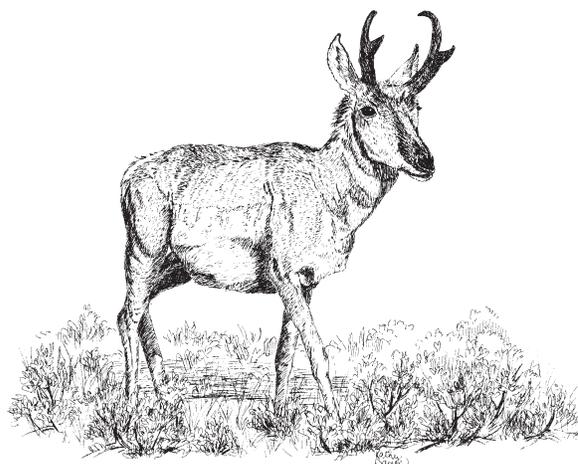
E-MAIL/TELEPHONE COMMENTS

E-mail and telephone comments conclude the "Comments and Responses" part of the EIS. Twenty-four e-mail or telephone messages on were received. Most of these messages expressed an identical comment, so they too were consolidated.

E-mail and telephone messages are arranged like the letter and hearing comments.

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