

WYOMING AREA MANAGER COLEMAN W. SMITH JR.



Coleman Smith is the Area Manager for the Wyoming Area Office based in Mills, Wyo. Smith is responsible for the management of the area's portion of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the Shoshone Project in the Bighorn River Basin, and the North Platte and Kendrick Projects in the North Platte River Basin. Area facilities include twelve power plants with a combined generation capacity of almost 250 megawatts and twenty reservoirs with a collective storage capacity of more than 4.5 million acre-feet. WYAO employs a supervisory control system for operation of the federal dams and power plants on the North Platte, Wind, Bighorn, and Shoshone Rivers in Wyoming. The Area also provides supervisory control for Colorado's Big Thompson Project and Montana's Yellowtail and Canyon Ferry hydropower facilities.

Prior to being appointed the WYAO Manager in 2012, Smith served as the Deputy Manager, Power Operations and Maintenance, for the Pacific Northwest Region in Boise, Idaho. In that capacity, he coordinated work of the regional power office with other federal agencies, including the Bonneville Power Administration and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Smith first came to Reclamation in 2007 serving

in the Snake River Area Office as the Operations and Maintenance and Technical Services Manager for Reclamation facilities in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Smith began his federal career in 1988 as a staff electrical engineer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va., working on naval vessels, including nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers. In 1995 he accepted a position at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and began twelve years of facilities and infrastructure support for such Air Force assets as intercontinental ballistic missiles and Department of Defense satellite systems.

A native of Prattville, Ala., Coleman earned degrees from Auburn University and Old Dominion University, both in electrical engineering. He is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and is a licensed engineer in the states of Idaho and Colorado.

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