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## **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

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Attention: Resource Coordinator, Lance Elias

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 12-17**

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3786.63; Storage: 1,557,130 acre-feet; River Release: 5,400 cfs; Inflow: 5,860 cfs;

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Due to the mild weather, snowmelt runoff into Canyon Ferry is slowly beginning to occur. In preparation for the anticipated spring snowmelt and control the rate of fill of storage in Canyon Ferry, the following operation change is required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant. With the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the excitation system on Unit No. 3, turbine releases are still being restricted and limited to 2-unit capacity through May 3. Immediately following the completion of maintenance on Unit No. 3, similar maintenance will be required on Unit No. 2, further restricting and limiting turbine releases to 2-unit capacity.

### **CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS:** All times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)

#### **At 0800 hour on Monday, April 16, 2012:**

*Decrease releases through the river outlet gates to  $\approx 0$  cfs.  
Increase releases through the spillway gates to 2,600 cfs.  
Maintain turbine releases at  $\approx 3,400$  cfs ( $\approx 825$  MW-Hrs/day using 99.1 cfs/mw).  
Maintain releases for Helena Valley Project at 0 cfs.  
Increase release to the Missouri River to 6,000 cfs.  
Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 6,000 cfs.*

/S/ Tim H. Felchle