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## **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

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From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Yellowtail Water Release Order - BHR No. 11-48**

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS (May 31, 2011: 4:00p.m.)**

Elevation: 3630.87 Storage: 919,415 acre-feet; River Release: 9,430 cfs; Inflow: 15,380 cfs;

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Streamflows downstream of Yellowtail Dam continue to recede. To control reservoir storage and continue preparing for the anticipated snowmelt runoff, the following operation change is required at Yellowtail Dam and Powerplant.

### **YELLOWTAIL TURBINE RELEASE:**

**At 2100 hour on Tuesday, May 31, 2011:**

*Maintain average daily turbine release at 5,750 cfs ( $\approx$  4,395 MW-Hrs/day using 31.4 cfs/mw).*

### **YELLOWTAIL BYPASS RELEASE:**

**At 2100 hour on Tuesday, May 31, 2011:**

*Increase releases through the spillway gates to 5,180 cfs.*

### **AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:**

**At 2100 hour on Tuesday, May 31, 2011:**

*Maintain diversions to the bighorn Canal at 0 cfs.*

*Increase river release to 11,000 cfs (gage height = 64.23 with -0.12 shift).*

*Increase total release from the Afterbay to 11,000 cfs.*

### **SPECIAL AFTERBAY OPERATION REQUIREMENT:**

**Maintain the level of the Afterbay at or above elevation 3185.0 until further notice.**

/S/ Tim H. Felchle