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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. 12-26**

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3795.03; Storage: 1,826,654 acre-feet; River Release: 5,270 cfs; Inflow: 10,430 cfs;

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Inflows into Canyon Ferry are over 10,400 cfs and forecast to slowly increase. Based on the preliminary June 1 forecast and the anticipated increase in inflows, releases from Canyon Ferry will be increased to control the rate of fill of storage in Canyon Ferry Lake. With the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the excitation system on Unit No. 2, turbine releases are still being restricted and limited to 2-unit capacity. In response, the following operation changes are required at Canyon Ferry Dam & Powerplant.

### **CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS:** All times are Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDST)

#### **At 1600 hour on Tuesday, June 5, 2012:**

*Increase releases through the river outlet gates to 2,000 cfs.  
Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.  
Maintain turbine releases at  $\approx 3,400$  cfs ( $\approx 880$  MW-Hrs/day using 92.7 cfs/mw).  
Maintain releases for Helena Valley Project at 745 cfs (370 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 375 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).  
Increase release to the Missouri River to 5,775 cfs.  
Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 6,145 cfs.*

#### **At 0800 hour on Wednesday, June 6, 2012:**

*Increase releases through the river outlet gates to 2,855 cfs.  
Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.  
Maintain turbine releases at  $\approx 3,400$  cfs ( $\approx 880$  MW-Hrs/day using 92.7 cfs/mw).  
Maintain releases for Helena Valley Project at 745 cfs (370 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 375 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).  
Increase release to the Missouri River to 6,630 cfs.  
Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 7,000 cfs.*

/S/ Tim H. Felchle