

DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER BEARDSLEY



Christopher Beardsley serves as the Deputy Regional Director of the Great Plains Region, the largest and most ecologically diverse region in Reclamation. In conjunction with the Regional Director, he directs a work force, which strives to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner.

Beardsley joined the Great Plains Region in April 2015. Beardsley began his federal career in 1992 as an International Affairs Specialist for Reclamation's Commissioner's Office in Washington, D.C., where he focused on overseas technical assistance programs. In 2002, he joined the Program and Budget Group, coordinating the Budget Review Committee, a group responsible for building Reclamation's nearly \$1 billion budget. Beardsley continued to serve the Program and Budget Group as a Branch Chief and then, as Assistant Director. In 2008, he joined the Pacific Northwest Region as Deputy Area Manager for the Snake River Area Office.

As Deputy Area Manager, he was responsible for the operation of water and power facilities from eastern Oregon to western Wyoming. Beardsley directly oversees all activities within the Middle Snake Field Office, which includes 17 dams and three powerplants. He actively works with water users and other affected stakeholders to balance competing demands and resolve resource conflicts.

Beardsley earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from James Madison University, and is a graduate of Reclamation's Leadership Development Program.

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