

Reclamation Facts:

Reclamation manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

Reclamation is the nation's largest wholesale water supplier, operating 348 reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 245 million acre-feet (an acre-foot, 325,851 gallons of water, supplies enough water for a family of four for one year).

Reclamation provides 1 out of 5 (or, 140,000) Western farmers with irrigation water for 10 million farmland acres that produce 60 percent of the nation's vegetables and one quarter of its fresh fruit and nut crops.

Reclamation is the second largest producer of hydro-power in the United States and operates 58 hydroelectric powerplants that annually produced, on average, 40 billion kilowatt-hours for the last 10 years.

Reclamation delivers 10 trillion gallons of water to more than 31 million people each year.

In partnership with others, Reclamation manages 289 recreation sites visited by 90 million people a year.