

**Intake Diversion Dam Modification Lower Yellowstone Project
Draft Environmental Assessment
Notes from Public Meeting in Sidney, MT
February 25, 2010**

The following questions/comments were received from members of the public who attended the public meeting on the Intake Diversion Dam Modification Lower Yellowstone Project, Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). This meeting was hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

- Do fish migrate through the canal system?
- What acreage does the rock ramp cover in the river bed? Language within the EA is not consistent.
- Who is responsible for repairing the rock ramp if it is damaged by ice flows?
- Is replacement of rock included in the O&M cost estimates?
- Who covers costs of changes to the selected/constructed alternative after the 8 year monitoring period?
- Why isn't a power generation feature being considered as part of the project?
- How was the 8 year timeframe determined for the monitoring period?
- Do Yellowtail winter releases affect, or are they operated to influence ice flows in the spring?
- What are the cost estimates for the screens?
- Who is paying for construction?
- What are the O&M requirements for the new headworks and rock ramp that are causing the increase in O&M costs?
- How or will the screens ability to remove sediment benefit the farmers?
- Are we thinking far enough ahead in terms of endangered species when developing the project? What species are likely to be listed in the near future?