
Lower Yellowstone Intake Diversion Dam Fish Passage Project, Montana

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District Commander

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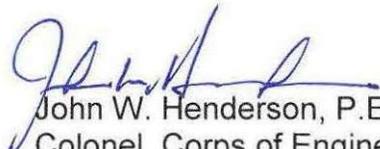
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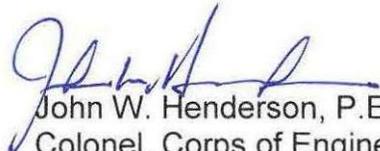
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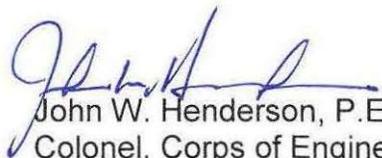
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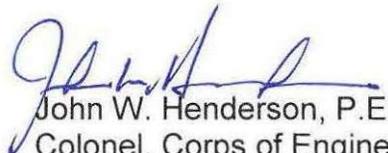
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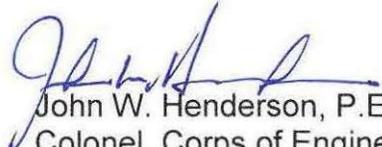
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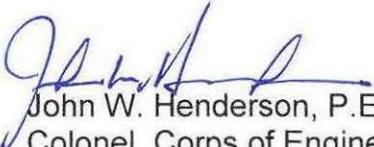
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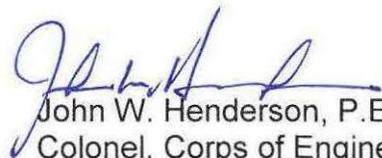
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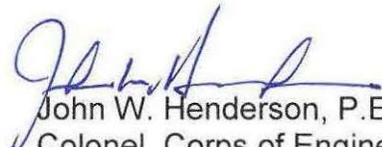
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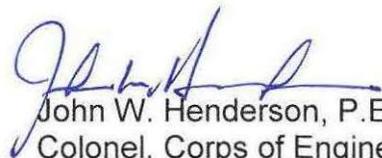
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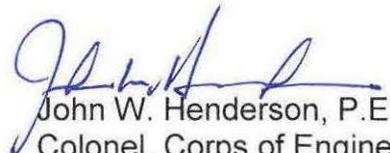
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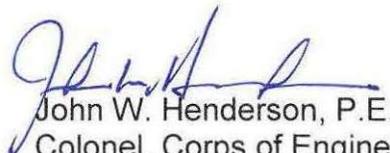
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Mr. AT Rusty Stafne, Chairman
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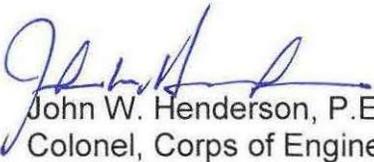
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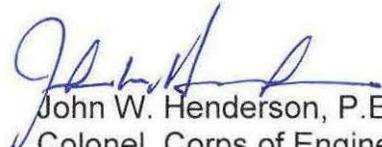
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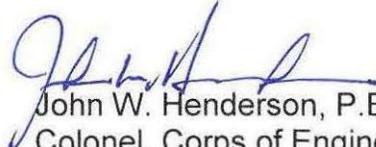
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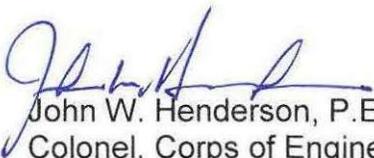
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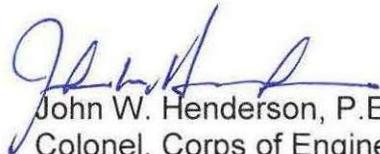
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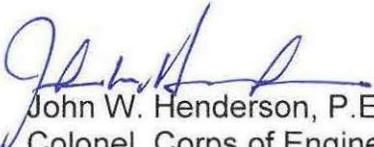
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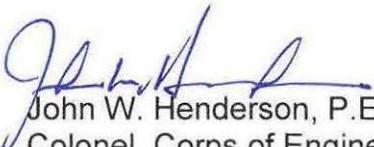
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Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska
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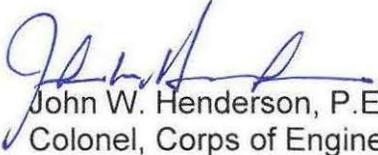
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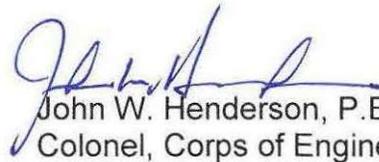
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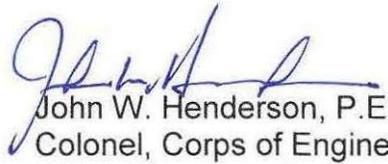
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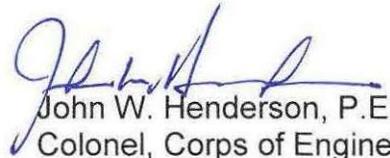
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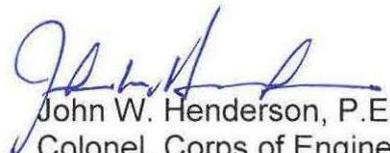
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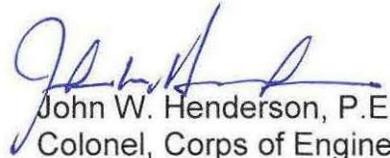
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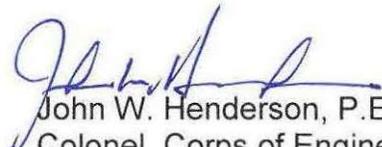
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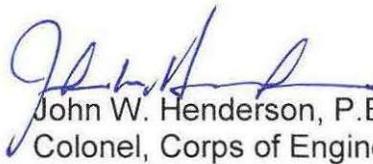
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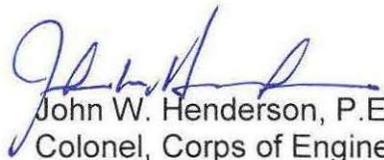
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The design of the Proposed Action being addressed in the EIS is not finalized at this time. The EIS will include consideration of a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed Federal action that meet the purpose and need of improving pallid sturgeon passage while continuing a viable and effective operation of the Lower Yellowstone Project. In general, alternatives currently being discussed include:

- Bypass Channel: Originally proposed in the 2015 Supplemental EA. Construct a bypass channel from the inlet of the existing high flow chute to just downstream of the existing dam and rubble field. Replace Intake Diversion Dam with a concrete weir to ensure adequate surface elevations in the river at the upstream bypass channel entrance as well as to ensure desired flow split at the irrigation headworks.
- Rock Ramp: Originally proposed in the 2015 Supplemental EA. Replace Intake Diversion Dam with a concrete weir and boulder and cobble rock ramp to ensure adequate surface elevations in the river upstream of the weir at the headworks for diversion into the main canal.
- Multiple Pumping Stations: Remove the Intake Diversion Dam and construct seven pumping stations on the Yellowstone River to deliver water to the Lower Yellowstone Project. Locations of the pumping stations are conceptual at this time. Since the Lower Yellowstone Project was designed for gravity flow of water primarily from a single water source at Intake, this alternative would require some restructuring of the Lower Yellowstone Project canal system to accommodate a water supply from multiple points along the canal.
- High Flow Channel: Excavate the existing 4-mile-long high flow channel to provide appropriate habitat conditions for pallid sturgeon passage. Parameters related to depth, velocity, and timing need to be considered. The high flow channel is located on the right descending bank.
- Pumping with Conservation Measures: Remove the Intake Diversion Dam and operate the headworks when there is sufficient flow in the river to do so. Implement conservation measures to reduce water demand, implement pumping to provide water source when it cannot be obtained via the headworks, and power this alternative with wind power.

Both current and past project information and analyses can be accessed online at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/loweryellowstone>.

The Corps and Reclamation understand the unique relationship your Tribe has to the Yellowstone River and we want to ensure that this relationship is respected; additionally, we want to ensure that your Tribe has an opportunity to engage in communications with the Corps and Reclamation and provide inputs as this study progresses toward actions and alternatives.

If you have comments, any questions, or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Tiffany Vanosdall, Project Manager, at 402-995-2695 or email at tiffany.k.vanosdall@usace.army.mil or Cathi Warren, Native American Consultation Specialist, at 402-995-2684 or email at catherine.j.warren@usace.army.mil.

We recognize our Government-to-Government responsibilities and will work to meet with you and your staff for consultation at any time during this process. If your Tribe is interested in Government-to-Government consultation, please contact Mr. Joel Ames, Tribal Liaison, at (402) 995-2909 or email at joel.o.ames@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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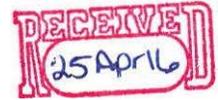
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Attachment 2

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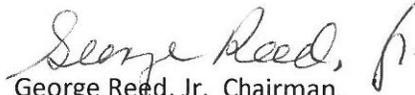
I received correspondence from the chairman's office on April 12, 2016, concerning the Proposed Intake Diversion Dam Fish Passage Project. Although the Bureau of Reclamation has contacted us in 2008, there was really no information shared. I, director of the culture department and chairman of the Preservation Board/Culture Committee, am only one person who doesn't even have a vote but I will present the correspondence to the board for their consideration and comments.

The Apsaalooke Nation does have an unique relationship with the Elk River, the confluence of the Elk River is a boundary of the territorial homeland of the Apsaalooke. At dawn of September 29, 1851, our great leader and statesman, Blackfoot, revealed his sacred bundle, a swan, he painted the bill blue and placed it facing the rising sun. He offered his pipe in prayer, he was asking for guidance for what he was to undertake later that day. In his prayer he designated the homeland of the Apsaalooke, "where my four base tepee poles set on the ground is mine, as long as there is even just one Apsaalooke left, I want that one Apsaalooke to have a place to come home to. Whoever interferes with what I have done, I want something to happen to them and if they are persistent I want them to be gone. This is an unwritten code of the Apsaalooke that can never be changed.

The confluence of the Elk River, although it has meandered since that time, the highest peak in the Big Saddle in the Black Hills, Sinks Canyon in the Wind Hills, along the ridge, Continental Divide, to the headwaters of the Big River, Three Forks. These four geographical landmarks are all abstract, they can never be changed or altered and there are no other places in the world like these four geographical sites. Farther Desmet, a Catholic priest who did not speak the Apsaalooke language nor did he know the topography of the land interpreted Blackfoot's prayer at the treaty conference at Horse Creek. That misinterpretation designated the 38.5 million acre territorial homeland of the Apsaalooke.

This is just a synopsis of why we are concerned about our territorial home land, within this vast area we are concerned about our historical and sacred sites which have been disturbed, destroyed and desecrated by other Indigenous Nations, who know nothing about these sites, the irony of the matter is that the United States government allows them.

Very respectfully submitted,


George Reed, Jr. Chairman,

Preservation Board/Culture Committee