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Subject: comments on yellowtail dam operations

To Whom It May Concern,

I've been to most of the meetings in Lovell & Billings. I have heard a lot of talk from Montana about all the water they NEED.

I would think in a drought, especially a multi year drought, that MT would think of alternative ways to conserve and / or to enhance the stream beds.

In Wyoming we have done stream bed enhancements slowing the water and installing obstructions which raise the water levels to where it's needed, then repeat down stream a little further.

I hear a lot of talk about the farmers saving water by spending \$100,000 for sprinklers. What are the fishermen in Mt willing to do.

WY has already started making plans for silt removal, lower launches and getting the waterway to the original path so the launches would be available in low water.

According to the info we received at Lovell on 10-10-06, we are in a drought as bad if not worse than in 1934.

IT IS TIME TO FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OF 1.000 CFS AS PRESENTED IN SLIDE 11 AT THE YELLOWTAIL DAM AND BIG HORN LAKE WATER SUPPLY & OPERATIONS MEETING, OCT. 12, 2006. HOW MUCH MORE DROUGHT DO YOU NEED TO GO INTO THE DROUGHT LEVELS OF RELEASE.

Thanks for your consideration,

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P,S,

I have a small business in Powell, WY. Our books show \$10,000 a year loss do to no water in horseshoe bend.