



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Great Plains Region

Montana Area Office

P.O. Box 30137

Billings, Montana 59107-0137

March 17, 2009



MT-500  
ADM-1.10

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Subject: Bighorn Basin Interagency Coordination Meeting/Bighorn River System Issues Group

Dear Interested Parties:

On April 2, 2009, the Bureau of Reclamation will be hosting the Bighorn Basin Interagency Coordination Meeting, followed by the Bighorn River System Issues Group Meeting at the Montana State University – Downtown Campus; 2804 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North; Room Broadway III-A, in Billings, Montana. A meeting agenda and a map of the meeting area are enclosed. Your attendance and participation is encouraged.

The Bighorn Basin Interagency Coordination Meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. As in previous meetings, the resource agencies will provide information and updates on topics of interest. Following the agency presentations will be time for questions and discussion.

The Bighorn River System Issues Group Meeting is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Following the scheduled presentations, time will available for questions and discussion items. Information pertaining to previous meeting discussions and topics is available on our Website at [http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/yellowtail/bighorn\\_longterm.cfm](http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/yellowtail/bighorn_longterm.cfm).

Questions on the agenda can be addressed to Paula Holwegner at 406-247-7300 or [pholwegner@gp.usbr.gov](mailto:pholwegner@gp.usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

Dan Jewell  
Area Manager

Enclosures - 2

# **BIGHORN BASIN INTERAGENCY COORDINATION MEETING**

## **Bighorn Lake and Bighorn River Management**

MSUB Downtown, Billings, Montana

April 2, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

- Reclamation: 2009 Water Supply Outlook & Reservoir Operations  
WYAO - Boysen & Buffalo Bill Operations  
2009 Water Supply Outlook & Reservoir Operations  
MTAO - Yellowtail operations
- MDFWP: Proposed fishing derbies on Bighorn Lake  
On-going fish studies and fish population estimates
- WGFD: Reservoir Fishery Update  
Upcoming and ongoing reservoir fisheries work  
Fishing regulations  
Wallop Breaux funding for park projects  
ML Dike project
- NPS: Bighorn Canyon Fee Project Update/Concession Status and  
Lake Level Request  
Bighorn Canyon Park Activities for 2008
- WAPA: Potential Updates
- BIA: Potential Updates
- CROW: Potential Updates
- OTHERS: Questions or concerns
- 
- Discussion of Non-Agenda Items

## **Bighorn River System Issues Group**

MSUB Downtown, Billings, Montana

April 2, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

- Friends of Bighorn River: Simulator (Doug Haacke)
- Reclamation: Winter Flow Projections (Gordon Aycock)  
Rule Curves  
Studies Update (Stephanie Hellekson)
- Others: Questions or concerns
- 
- Discussion of Non-Agenda Items

Enclosure 1

## Parking

The City of Billings parking garages, Park One and Park Three, are located within two blocks of the building facility. Park One is located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. North between N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street and N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Park Three is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> between N. Broadway and N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The rates in the city garages are 35¢ an hour for the first two hours and \$1 an hour after that, with a \$5 daily maximum charge.

## Location Map

