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To Whom It May Concern:

For the life of me I do not understand why you guys can't get the flows right on the Bighorn? We have had plenty of water the last few years for all parties concerned and you still cause problems with bighorn flows! What the hell is the problem? Last year the Bighorn River generated $52 million dollars to economy of which the federal government received at least 25% out of which your salaries are paid. What part of this do you not understand????

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' research shows that to maintain a healthy fishery in the Bighorn River is 3,500 cfs, not 2,500 cfs. Your criteria of lowering the river flow to 1,500 cfs without reducing the flood pool causes the following problems; damage to the Bighorn river due to fish kill, the possibility of flooding during the run off period which can't be used for hydro generation, not to mention increasing flooding risk to public campgrounds and marinas on the north side of the reservoir.

I believe that setting the optimum flow at 3,500 cfs and a minimum flow of 2,500 during periods of drought, along with reducing the reservoir pool to 3,614 feet in the spring there by reducing the need to rapidly evacuate the reservoir would server all interests to the best possible outcome.

Come on guys do the right thing here.

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