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To: Duberstein, Leonard (Lenny) B
Subject: Big Horn River

Dear Sir,
As an angler and rancher I have concerns about the proposed Big Horn lake and river project. Optimum flow for the fishery in the Big Horn River is 3,500 CFS, according to the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. This fishery also produces some $50 Million in revenue for Montana. The lake above the Yellowtail Dam should not be raised above 3614 ft in April, otherwise spring storms create the need to rapidly release water from the dam, reducing Hydroelectric output and threatening the fishery and ranches downstream. An increase in lake level also threatens the campgrounds and marinas on the north end of the lake. In drought years a target of 2,500 CFS flow should be maintained in the Big Horn River. This extraordinary fishery needs to be properly managed both from an environmental and revenue standpoint. One of the few opportunities to accommodate both in today's world.
Thank you for your time,

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