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To: Duberstein, Leonard (Lenny) B
Subject: Bighorn reservoir pool flows

Dear Mr. Duberstein,

I am writing to encourage your agency to consider a different flow plan regarding the reservoir on the Bighorn river. The Montana FWP has said that the optimum flows for this fishery is 3500 cfs, and your agency would be remiss in formulating a plan that does not acknowledge this reality. The 2500 cfs target the current plan specifies is only applicable in drought years, and making this the new norm ignores the needs of the fishery. Further, increased draw down in the spring months would prevent any possible need to flood the fishery in a high water scenario; an elevation of 3614 feet has been suggested. Such a draw down would go a long way towards protecting the public and private assets along the river, not to mention the premiere trout habitat.

Thanks for your consideration,

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