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Subject:

Dear Mr. Duberstein-
As a member of the Little Bighorn Chapter of Trout Unilimited and an avid fly fisherman, I'm concerned about some the decisions made regarding water flows of the Bighorn River.
1.) I feel that the Bureau should provide a more fish-friendly balance in the reservoir pool on the Bighorn River. Releasing the amounts that we seen last spring are irresponsible and do trout no good. It minimizes recreational use and makes it hazardous for floating and wade fishing.
2.) 3,500 cfs is an appropriate level for fish and 2,500 cfs is too little except during drought years. 1500 cfs is drastic.
3.) The rapid release of levels seen last year are not necessary, unless the action is left until the last minute. Drawing down the reservoir earlier in the spring to an elevation of 3,614 feet would more than likely eliminate the necessity for this action.

Thanks for reading this and I hope the Bureau will make the right decision regarding fish and fishing on the Bighorn River.
Respectfully,
David McDougall

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