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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Duberstein, Leonard (Lenny) B
Subject: Big Horn River Flows

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

For years that has been a problem with flows in the Big Horn river. This river has in the past been one of the most productive trout rivers in the world. In recent years trout numbers have declined and a valuable fishery is not what it was 10 years ago. Careful studies by fishery biologists have determined that flows should be no lower then 3500 cfs. Flows under this are detremental to insect life and recruitment of trout through natural spawning. I can not believe that a flow schedule can not be determined that would allow for a full, or nearly full, reservoir and still maintain a steady flow of 3500 cfs or above. Shutting down flow for periods and then opening the dam wide does not make much sense. Try and come up with a solution that will benefit the fishery and businesses in Montana.

Thanks,

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