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Lenny,

Allow me to encourage you to take full recognition of the Montana FWP research that says 3500 cfs is the optimum flow for a healthy fishery. At no time should the flow be sacrificed to the desire for a full reservoir, except in times of severe drought when every attempt should be made to maintain 2500 cfs. It would also seem advisable to make a spring drawdown as indicated by weather conditions and snowpack to avoid forced evacuation of the reservoir, as has happened in the last two years. It is my belief that enhancement and, at the very least, protection of the fishery is primary. Our presence on the land has threatened its very existence, and we must do anything and everything to mitigate the effects we have imposed on this remarkable resource.

Mike Chapman, Lewistown