

BIGHORN RIVER SYSTEM ISSUES GROUP

AGENDA Billings, MT October 3, 2012

Desired Outcomes:

Stakeholders are provided a review of the 2012 Water Year operations for Yellowtail Dam and Bighorn Lake; a review of the 2012 Final Draft Bighorn Lake Operating Criteria (Criteria); the opportunity to provide comments on the Criteria for the 2013 Water Year; and an update on the status of on-going or proposed studies related to the operation of Yellowtail Dam and Bighorn Lake.

10:00 Welcome (review outcomes, agenda)

10:15 Review of 2012 Water Year Operations for Yellowtail (MTAO)

- Review of Bighorn Lake Operating Criteria and how it was used in Water Operations
- Lessons Learned/Discussion
- November 8 Public Meeting on water supply conditions and fall/winter operating plans for Yellowtail Dam

11:00 Overview and Feedback on Bighorn Lake Operating Criteria (MTAO)

- Proposed Changes for 2013 Water Year
- Comments and Feedback from Stakeholders

11:30 LUNCH

12:30 Current Status of Studies

- (12:30 – 1:15) Results of Bighorn Side Channel (Rob Hildale, TSC)
- (1:15 – 1:45) Flood Pool Re-allocation (MTAO)
- (1:45 – 2:00) Bighorn River Sediment Control Study Outline and Funding Opportunities (Bob Croft and MTAO)

2:00 Wrap-up

- Comments on meeting
- Schedule for follow-up action items
- Next steps

2:30 Adjourn