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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana /s/ Clayton R. Jordan

Subject: **Yellowtail Water Release Order - BHR No. 14-42**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

Elevation: 3603.91; Storage: 730,434 acre-feet; River Release: 7,500 cfs; Inflow: 7,680 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The BIA requested diversions to Bighorn Canal begin on May 13 at a rate of 100 cfs. In response, the following operations are required at Yellowtail Dam and Powerplant and Yellowtail Afterbay Dam.

SPECIAL NOTE: To provide the proper mixing of water releases to the Bighorn River in attempt to minimize PSAT levels, it is desirable to maintain the Yellowtail Afterbay Reservoir at or above elevation 3185.0 feet and provide a mixing flow of approximately 85% through the spillway gates and 15% through the sluice gates, plus or minus 5%.

YELLOWTAIL BYPASS RELEASE:

At 0900 hour on Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

Increase release through the spillway gates to 3,780 cfs.

YELLOWTAIL TURBINE RELEASE:

At 0900 hour on Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

Maintain average daily turbine release at 3,750 cfs (\approx 2735 MW-Hours/day using 32.9 cfs/mw).

Restrict and limit turbine releases to 2-unit capacity.

AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:

At 0900 hour on Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

Increase diversions to the Bighorn Canal to 100 cfs (gage height = 70.67 with 0.00 shift).

Maintain river release at 7,500 cfs (maintain the gage height at 62.63 with a +0.18 shift).

Increase total release from the Afterbay to 7,600 cfs.