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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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Subject: **Yellowtail Water Release Order - BHR No. 15-10**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

Elevation: 3635.20; Storage: 963,824 acre-feet; River Release: 2,830 cfs; Inflow: 2,355 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The Yellowtail Powerplant will be limited to two units during 0800 hour on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, through 1700 hour on Thursday, December 4, 2014, for testing of exciter bridges. 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 between a maximum elevation of 3192.0 feet and a minimum elevation of 3183.6 feet and provide a mixing flow of approximately 75% through the spillway gates and 25% through the sluice gates, plus or minus 10%.

YELLOWTAIL TURBINE RELEASE:

During 0800 hour on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 through 1700 hour on Thursday, December 4, 2014:

Maintain average daily turbine release at 2,760 cfs (\approx 2,110 MW-Hours/day using 31.4 cfs/mw).

Limit turbine release to 2-unit capacity.

AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:

During 0800 hour on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 through 1700 hour on Thursday, December 4, 2014:

Maintain diversion to the Bighorn Canal at 0.

Maintain river release at 2,830 cfs (gage height = 60.51 with a -0.25 shift).

Maintain total release from the Afterbay at 2,830 cfs.