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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana /S/ Stephanie Micek

Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 15-25 - Revised**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

Elevation: 3788.38; Storage: 1,612,111 acre-feet; River Release: 3,380 cfs; Inflow: 7,420 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Due to recent rain showers inflows have increased below Holter Dam. To conserve storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir and maintain river flows near or above 3,700 cfs below Holter Dam, the following operation changes are required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant.

CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS: Times are Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

At 0100 hour on Tuesday, May 19, 2015:

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs.

Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.

Decrease turbine release to \approx 2,770 cfs (\approx 28 MW-Hr/hr using 97.8 cfs/mw).

Maintain release for Helena Valley Project at 780 cfs (370 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 410 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).

Decrease release to the Missouri River to 3,180 cfs.

Decrease total release from Canyon Ferry to 3,550 cfs