United States Department of the Interior

The mission of the Department of the Interior is to protect and provide access to our Nation’s natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust responsibilities to tribes.

Bureau of Reclamation

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.
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It is indeed an honor and a privilege to submit the Bureau of Reclamation Annual Report for fiscal year 2001.

Reclamation has nearly completed 100 years of effective service to the Western States and the Nation as a whole. Reclamation’s mission—“to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public”—is more timely now than when the Reclamation Service was created in 1902.

As Commissioner, I am committed to developing creative solutions to meet the current and future water resource challenges facing the West through collaboration and cooperation with States, tribes, water users, and others. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, I am placing even greater emphasis on operating and maintaining Reclamation projects to ensure continued safe delivery of water and power benefits to the public.

This report provides ample evidence of the contributions Reclamation makes to life in the West and across the Nation. I am pleased to present the Bureau of Reclamation’s 2001 Annual Report and Chief Financial Officer’s Statement to the Congress and the public.