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MEMORANDUM

To: Commission
Attention: W-1000

From: Michael Ryan
Regional Director

Subject: Transmittal of the FY 2008 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation Self Governance Annual Funding Agreement to Congress

Attached is a copy of the Fiscal Year 2008 Self Governance Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) for the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation (Tribe).

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation (Tribe) AFA and I executed this AFA. This AFA, in the amount of \$5,000, will continue to fund the planning, design, and construction of the core system of the Rocky Boy's/North Central Regional Water System. The project is authorized by P.L. 107-331, the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Act of 2002.

The \$5,000 are FY 2007 funds provided to the Tribe under Cooperative Agreement No. 03NA601766 and will be carried over and applied to the planning, design and construction activities described in the work plan attached to this AFA. Additional funds will be incorporated into the AFA and allocated as mutually agreeable to the parties subject to FY 2008 project funding by Congress. The Tribe and Reclamation shall revise the budget and work plan to show how they are going to utilize the additional funds under this AFA.

Section 403(f) of P.L. 93-638, as amended, requires AFAs entered into by Department of the Interior agencies be submitted by the Secretary 90 days before the proposed effective date of an agreement to each tribe that is a party to the agreement, to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

The attached FY 2008 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation AFA has been reviewed for legal sufficiency, which is attached, and is ready for transmittal to Congress and I recommend that you approve and transmit it to the Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, so that the FY 2006 planning, design, and construction can begin pursuant to P. L. 107-331. You may call me or Mr. Kimball Banks, Tribal and Financial Assistance Officer, Great Plains Region, at 406-247-7710, if you have questions regarding this request or the substance of the

AFA.

Attachments