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Subject: YBSA's comments to the latest IWRMP
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Comments on 12/9/09 revised IWRMP from YBSA

Ben,
Thanks for allowing us to again edit the IWRMP. YBSA is pleased to see the scorecard as part of the work plan; section 3.3.5. and that the range be 'bookended' by the do nothing option and the largest volume; Black Rock. We see some key criteria listed but find others missing.

1. We believe that before we can proceed much further it is vital that a discussion on criteria have full vetting so we know what is important to whom and why.
2. Then we need to see where we need to spend more time and resources.
3. One of the least discussed issues to date is the matching of mainstem flow volumes to season, reaches, and species so as to determine the best regime to maximize fish production, for as difficult as it is to do, we still need to quantify production potentials for the competing alternatives.
4. We are hopeful that the best methodology and expertise are employed to quantify flows and fish.
5. We also note that recreation is mentioned in 3.3.4, but believe it is maybe too narrowly scoped. We believe that all 3 counties have much at risk in planning how best to develop a broad and sustainable tax base, and that recreational development is crucial to water supply security, job creation, and economic sustainability, and therefore should be the core of the recreational assessment.
6. We believe we have not adequately discussed Columbia River options, and the inherent costs, benefits, history and constraints.
7. We are glad power has been included for future discussion and hope that it is in conjunction with items 5+6
8. As the last meeting showed, we need to have a much better understanding of how an IWRMP impacts YN treaty rights and visa versa, as it is very possible, failure to do so could see this effort end without success.
9. We request Columbia pumped storage be in phase 1 not 3 because we think it offers the most bang for the buck and the urgency this problem requires.

By Charlie de La Chapelle
For YBSA

-----Original Message-----

From: "Floyd, Benjamin"
Sent: Dec 1, 2009 8:26 AM
To: "Floyd, Benjamin"
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Subject: YRBWEP December 7 Mtg Cancelled/Remaining 2009 Schedule

Dear Workgroup Members and Interested Parties,

We had originally scheduled two meetings for this month: Dec. 7th and 17th. Yesterday in discussions with the executive committee, we have decided to hold just the December 17th meeting. So the **December 7 meeting has been cancelled.**

The December 17 meeting will be held at 9:30 AM at the Yakima Arboretum. This will be the final Workgroup meeting for this year and phase of developing a Yakima Basin Integrated Water resource management plan.

Holding only one December meeting will allow the Workgroup facilitation team a little more time to prepare the draft report and provide the Workgroup with more time to review the draft recommendations report prior to taking action.

Based upon this meeting plan, here are some key milestones:

- Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Workgroup comments on the “Review Draft Recommendation to Advance a Preliminary Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan” and the “Yakima River Basin Plan of Study Summary” are due. Comments on the Review Draft should be sent to Ben Floyd (HDR) and Plan of Study comments should be sent to both Derek Sandison (Ecology) and Wendy Christensen (Reclamation).
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Draft Workgroup report with updated recommendations will be sent to the Workgroup
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Workgroup comments on the Draft Workgroup report are sent to Ben Floyd (HDR).

We will then summarize the Workgroup comments, and work with Ecology and Reclamation to address the comments and prepare to present this information at the Dec. 17 Meeting.

Thanks,

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