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MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Director, U.S. Geological Survey
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Director, National Park Service

From: Bob Lamb *Bob L*
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Subject: Funding of Tribal Participation in Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of plans to provide funding for tribal participation in the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program.

The passage of the Grand Canyon Protection Act resulted in the creation of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. The Program involves a wide array of stakeholders, who serve as members of the Adaptive Management Work Group, a Federal Advisory Committee. The Act requires consultation with these stakeholders regarding dam operations to protect the environmental and cultural resources of the Grand Canyon. The program is managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, and with power revenues it annually funds approximately \$8 million of the adaptive management, scientific research, and resource protection activities. The National Academy of Sciences has called this particular adaptive management effort "a science policy experiment of local, regional, national, and international importance."

The Native American Tribes play a unique role in this process. Their ancestors left many important cultural remains in the Grand Canyon and the Tribes' spiritual beliefs are strongly tied to Grand Canyon resources. The reservations of two tribes border the Colorado River corridor and several other tribes have important ties to the canyon. Constrained by a lack of economic resources and the challenge of intercultural discourse, they find it difficult to fully participate as equal stakeholders. Each of the Interior agencies involved in the program has trust responsibility to these tribes. We believe that financial assistance from each of these agencies is necessary to carry out the Department of the Interior's program.

The adaptive management process demands substantial consultation, review, and interaction with all stakeholders. In the past the tribes have identified needs of approximately \$95,000 per tribe

as an annual funding amount, resulting in a total cost of \$475,000. The funds will provide for technical support to assist the tribes in evaluating resource management issues, tribal monitoring of Grand Canyon resources, attendance at meetings, and government-to-government consultations.

Because of the Department's commitment to this program and its trust responsibility to the tribes, it is critical that support be provided to allow the tribes' full participation in this process. A successful Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program can serve as a model for future similar programs. For fiscal year (FY) 2001, your agency's share of the proposed level of tribal support is \$25,000. For FY 2002, your agency's share of the proposed level of tribal support is \$75,000. Reclamation will bill each agency for its reimbursement through the On-Line Payment and Collection system.

We encourage you to provide the funding in a way that will cause the least impact to the limited resources at the field level. I understand the difficulty that field managers face when trying to support this request with limited field budgets.

Questions may be directed to Ms. Olivia Ferriter in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at (202) 208-4881.

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*P.S. The FY 2003 Departmental
Budget Guidance includes information
on FY 03 funding of this item.
Please note.*