

Salazar Makes Last Visit to New Mexico as Secretary of Interior



Secretary Salazar signing the Aamodt documents as other settlement party officials look on.

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With the recent signing of settlement documents, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar took another important step to implement the Aamodt Indian Water Rights Settlement.

Joined by the Governors of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso and Tesuque Pueblos as well as New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, Salazar signed the documents in what was likely his last visit in his official capacity to New Mexico. Salazar announced in January that he had fulfilled his promise to President Obama to serve in the position for four years, and is now ready to return home to Colorado.



“By executing this settlement today and reaching agreement on five other water rights settlements since 2009, we not only have closed the chapter on these longstanding water disputes, but also opened a new chapter in Indian Country _ delivering clean drinking water and certainty to water users across the West while providing more than \$2 billion to help tribes,” Salazar said.

Governors for all four Pueblos thanked Salazar and the Obama administration for their help in pushing forward the legislation that included the Aamodt Indian Water Rights Settlement, resolving one of the longest-running water rights cases in the federal court system. Governor George Rivera of Pojoaque Pueblo said he was a child when the Aamodt Lawsuit was filed. He said he asked President Obama before he was first elected to office for his assistance in settlement. Rivera was pleased with the action taken.

Although Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor wasn’t able to accompany the Secretary on this visit, his work on the Aamodt Settlement was recognized.

“Mike Connor, a native New Mexican, played an important role in getting us to where we are today,” Salazar said.

San Ildefonso Pueblo Governor Terry Aguilar recognized Reclamation’s work on this project thus far and said that we are all fighting for the same thing, “preservation of water in northern New Mexico.”

Governor Mark Mitchell of Tesuque Pueblo expressed a hope that the next Secretary of Interior would continue the good partnership with the Pueblos.

“Secretary Salazar, you will always be welcome by the Pueblos,” Mitchell said. “Our doors will always be open to you.”

Nambe Pueblo Governor Phillip Perez reiterated that water is sacred to Native Americans and asked all the pueblos to work to conserve water while also focusing on eliminating contamination of aquifers. Some of the Pueblos have expressed an interest in building wastewater systems to eliminate use of septic tanks and help reduce risks of contamination. “This is proof that we can come together,” said New Mexico Governor Martinez. “Everyone has given a little bit in exchange for some certainty.”

The event concluded with the signing of one document by the Secretary, all four Pueblo governors, the chairwoman of the Santa Fe County Commission and the Mayor of Santa Fe. But sometimes what goes on behind the scenes is much more interesting than what the audience sees. The challenge of the day was getting 15 people from the various governments and agencies into a holding room and getting their signatures on seven copies of two documents and four copies of another document before the ceremony began.

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Aspiring Leader 2013



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The 2nd annual Aspiring Leader Course just wrapped up its first session, on February 28th, 2013. Twenty-five employees from all over the UC Region came together in the Regional Office to learn about becoming future leaders, or to hone leadership skills for use in their current positions. I think what most (if not all) of the Aspiring Leaders came back with though, was a greater understanding of ourselves and the type of leadership style we were each “born” with.

Prior to the workshop, we were each asked to complete the Strength Deployment Inventory (SDI), a series of questions to which we gave scored responses for each situation. The SDI was calculated for each individual in the course, with the results being delivered to us on the first day. Using this tool, we were able to identify our personal strengths, pinpoint our motivational value systems, and recognize how we manage conflict; all critical elements in leadership. We learned the necessity of “borrowing” strengths from other areas in order to be effective leaders. We also had the chance to take the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator (MBTI) and stress management tests; additional tools for determining the manner



in which we deal with things and how we can best interact with others that have varied styles from ours.

I was very pleased with the amount of time we focused on learning about ourselves in this course. After all, if we do not understand our own strengths (which when overdone, can be a weakness! Thanks to Duncan Nims for that excellent piece of information.) and motivations, we will be unable to effectively relate to the many diverse employees we currently lead or may have the chance to lead in the future.

We are all grateful to have been selected for the opportunity to be in the 2013 Aspiring Leadership Course, and we are looking forward to the final session in June! We have been strategically placed in teams, and each team has been assigned to read a different book related to leadership and to give a 20-minute presentation to the class on that book. Each team has at least one person who is located in a different geographic area of the UC Region, so it will be interesting to see if each team will be able to come together to participate and complete this project.

Thanks to the awesome training duo of Duncan Nims and Dick Jorgenson, who put this great course together. Also thanks to the presenters who took time out of their busy days to provide us information and guidance on leadership: Larry Walkoviak, Brent Rhees, Barry Wirth, Deb Lawler, Dick Beeman and Sterling Egan.



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A Gator Of A Day



By Larry Walkoviak
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Choke Canyon Dam and Reservoir

Howdy everyone. The Choke Canyon Dam and Reservoir is a Bureau of Reclamation facility about halfway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas. If you look at the picture of the dam, you can see the outlet works intake tower in the reservoir – downstream of that tower is the outlet works building. The only fence in the entire area is the fence around this building.

Norman Kuentler worked for Reclamation while the dam was being constructed. After that work was done, Norman went to work for the City of Corpus Christi and became the manager of the dam; that was in the early 1980s. Thirty years later, he is still the first and only manager of this dam. However, in 2002,



when I was working in Reclamation's Austin, Texas office – Norman sent a picture to me. He said as he was making his rounds at the dam, he was surprised to find this gator stuck between the pole and the fence. The reason I mentioned earlier that the only fence in the area is the small one around the outlet works building was to point out that this alligator could have walked (do gators walk or crawl?) anywhere around the dam with nothing to impede his/her progress. But, for some unknown reason, the gator chose to stick its head between the pole and the fence – then got it a front leg through – got the other front leg through – then it couldn't get a back leg through, couldn't go forward, couldn't go backwards – it was stuck. Really, seriously, stuck!

Norman guessed that the gator had been stuck through the night and much of the day (I cannot read the date on the photo, the month is either June or August; either way, the weather is hot during either of those months). He called the State of Texas Wildlife folks. They came and freed the gator but were worried because it appeared to have been out of the water for a long time. They moved it to the channel just downstream and watched it for several hours to see if they needed to do anything more. Alas, the alligator died after only a few hours – it indeed had been out of the water too long.



My purpose in telling you this story (a true story with no embellishment) is to point out a couple of life's lessons. For Norman, this story exemplifies the notion that we don't know what the day will bring us. He had been working at the dam for over 20 years and this was a first – a gator stuck between the pole and the fence. He responded by doing all he could to free and save the gator's life. But, he certainly didn't have this on his list of "to do's" for that day.

For the alligator, its situation drives home the admonition that our mother's told us: *"Don't go sticking your nose where it doesn't belong."*

P.S. A few weeks after I presented this story at our Aspiring Leaders training, I came upon a saying that is attributed to American Indians (or as Secretary Salazar says, the first Americans). I like to tell stories and I love listening to stories – perhaps that is why this saying is so very poignant for me. Here 'tis, *"Tell me a fact, and I'll learn. Tell me a truth, and I'll believe. But tell me a story, and it will live in my heart forever."*

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Reclamation Comments on Diesel Spill at Willard Bay



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Salt Lake City, Utah - The Bureau of Reclamation has an environmental management officer now on site monitoring the initial response and cleanup work being conducted by Chevron Pipeline crews on the diesel fuel spill adjacent to the Willard Bay State Park. Willard Bay, created by the Arthur V. Watkins Dam, is a Reclamation facility managed by Reclamation's Provo Area Office in partnership with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District.

Reclamation understands that the spill occurred from a Chevron pipeline, leaked into Willard Creek, which in turn feeds into Willard Bay. The spill was just north of "Eagle Beach" near Cottonwood Campground. While the land is within the state park, the property involved is actually Reclamation's as part of the overall Weber Basin Project.

At this point no diesel fuel has moved into the reservoir. The fuel leak was initially contained by a beaver dam on Willard Creek. Booms in the reservoir are now in place as a preventative measure to safeguard reservoir water, should oil move from Willard Creek into Willard Bay.

While the cleanup is the responsibility of Chevron, with oversight by appropriate state and federal officials, Reclamation's primary concern is the preservation of the high quality water supply in the



reservoir. Additionally, Chevron's environmental response team is implementing a water quality sampling program.

During the irrigation season, water can be pumped from the Arthur V. Watkins Reservoir for irrigation of lands lying along the shores of Great Salt Lake.

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Acquisition Management Division Updates

This is the first in a series of articles that will provide guidance and information to customers on the world of procurement.

In November 2012, Reclamation's Management Services Office issued a new policy on Bureau-wide mandatory SharePoint electronic payment process. In the policy, Reclamation Acquisition Circular (RAC) No. 13-03, all new awards with an effective date on or after December 1, 2012 must include certain instructions on how to submit invoices.

To implement the RAC, Regional Letter 800-12-01 was issued on December 5, 2012. The Regional Letter also added a general email address, "ucinvoice@usbr.gov," to where invoices must be submitted. The UC Acquisition Management Division (AMD) will only process invoices submitted to the UC invoice mailbox. Additionally, after the Regional Letter was issued, AMD emailed field Receiving Officers and Contracting Officer Representatives a [coversheet](#) that asks for basic information about the contract for which the invoices are submitted. The completed coversheet must be attached to the invoice prior to submission to the UC invoice mailbox. The newly-implemented invoicing process is in preparation for the upcoming Financial Business Management System or FBMS. In FBMS, invoices will only exist in electronic form. The SharePoint site, the UC invoice mailbox, and the electronic signatures and approvals of invoices constitute our early attempt to immerse everyone into the electronic world of FBMS.

For additional information on the current invoicing submission process, please contact Mr. Jericho Lewis at 505-462-3622, or Ms. Tara Ashby at 801-524-3776.

Next Time on Acquisition Updates: Projected Acquisition Lead Times or PALT

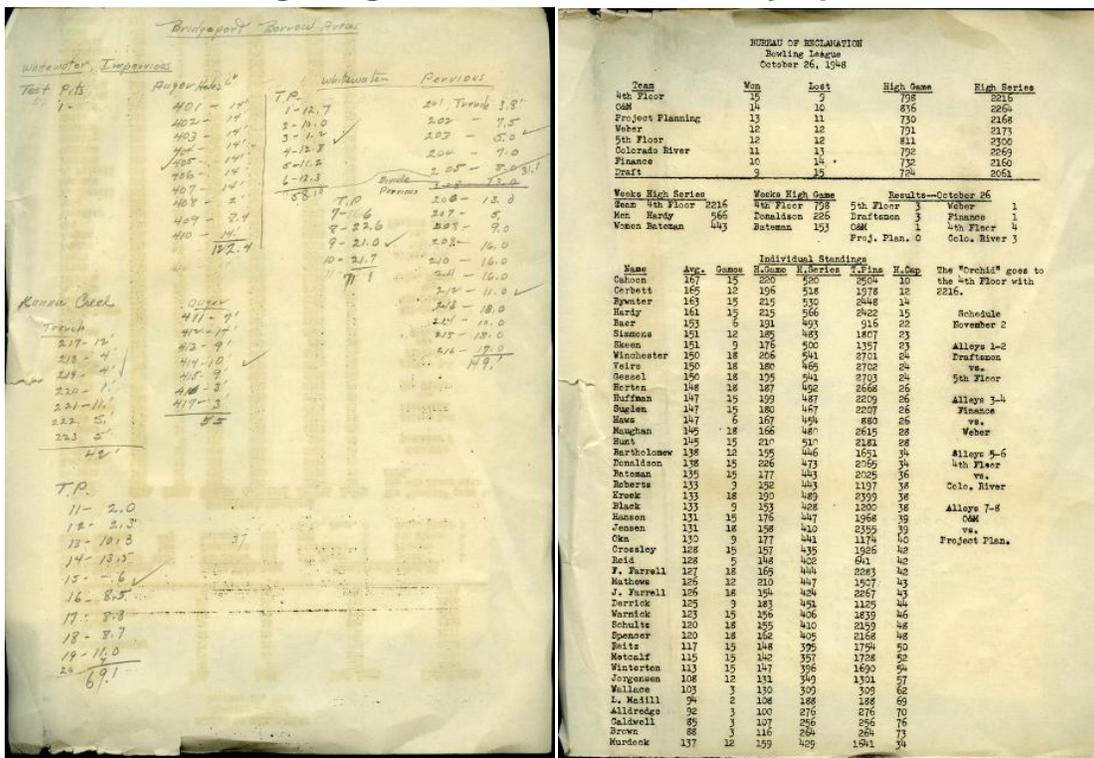
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Bowling League, Part Two – The Story Spin Offs



Bridgeport Borrow Areas computations, circa 1948, on left. Reclamation Bowling League score sheet for October 25, 1948, on right. Note the names, teams, scores, standings and - equally impressive - the amazing manual typing skills from the era. Remember, even the electric typewriter was a dream, much less a personal computer.

By Barry Wirth
Public Affairs Office

Our 1948 Reclamation Bowling League story from the last issue triggered some fun responses, especially among our retired friends. At the end of the story, we invited readers to help add to the back story of the people involved and the historic work they were doing that set the stage for today's Bureau of Reclamation and our current careers. At the end of this story, we continue with a new challenge across the entire region.

Two readers shared further information about those on the score list. We also know that one or two more stories are yet to come for future UC Today issues.



First is [Robert S. Haws](#), who is the great uncle of Melynda Roberts in the Acquisition Management Division. Mr. Haws shared with us, through Melynda, a copy of the [February 26, 1969 news release announcing the retirement of six key people from the Weber Basin Projects Office in Ogden, Utah](#). As they retired, they took with them more than 183 years of government service. It is worth noting that Mr. Haws has now enjoyed a retirement of 44 years following his Reclamation career and Army Air Force service in World War II. Mr. Haws has also agreed to pen a future story concerning the times, projects and way business was done in that pivotal era.

Attached to the news release is a list of folks that wished him well upon retirement, which we are including in case the names jar other memories or stories. For example, one name jumped off the list to me – Ellis Armstrong, who was Commissioner of Reclamation from 1969 to 1973 during the last phase of Glen Canyon Dam’s construction. Prior to that, he was Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (now the Federal Highway Administration) and presided over early design and construction of the nation’s interstate highway system. He also served as a deputy project manager in the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, bringing shipping from the Atlantic into the Great Lakes, benefiting Canada and the United States. I had the pleasure of knowing him and hearing his stories of how his working life started in Utah in the Great Depression as an enrollee in the old Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC.

Second is a [letter we received from retiree Clifford Alldredge](#). I had the pleasure of working with him for a couple years at the tail end of his 30 plus year career, mostly in planning. Mr. Alldredge sent us a fun letter with his remembrances of those on the bowling league list that he knew. From it we get a terrific glimpse into the people who brought to life our projects and the ways they interacted and worked.

Here’s the region-wide challenge. These “bowling league” stories have focused on the Regional Office and projects in Utah. We would love to gather the same sorts of stories from across our region, which as we all know is an amalgamation of two regions, the old Southwest Region and the Upper Colorado Region. I don’t know if this is a challenge or is a request --- but retirees and fellow staff alike, please share our stories and history.

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Weber Basin Projects Office since 1949 in the positions of Administrative Assistant, Accountant, and Fiscal Officer. Prior to 1949 he served as Administrative Assistant at the Cody, Wyoming, and Ft. Collins, Colorado, Reclamation offices. Bertagnolli has been active in U.S. Savings Bonds campaigns and associated with the Ogden Government Employees Credit Union for about 18 years, serving as President of the Board of Directors for the past 6 years. The American Red Cross awarded him a 2-gallon pin in 1966 in recognition of his contributions to the blood bank program.

Reed Gunderson's entire Government career, extending over approximately 34 years, has been with the Bureau of Reclamation. He started with Reclamation on a continuous basis in the Salt Lake City office in 1936, having filled various short-term appointments prior to that time. During this early period he worked as a rodman at Hoover Dam where he engaged in some of the most dangerous surveying activities of that project. Gunderson served as supervisory inspector on construction of the Duchesne Tunnel, Provo River Project, and the Gateway Canal and Tunnel of the Weber Basin Project. He transferred to the Weber Basin Project in 1952 and during the past 10 years has been Superintendent of all Government force account work and of maintenance on the Weber Basin Project. Crews supervised by Mr. Gunderson, although engaged in extremely hazardous types of construction activities, have worked 165,000 man-hours without a lost-time accident.

Robert S. Haws, Civil Engineering Technician, began his Government career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1946 as an engineering draftsman in the Salt Lake City office. In 1949 he moved to the Weber Basin Projects Office where he has been in charge of the drafting and reproduction section. During the 20 years Mr. Haws has been at Weber Basin, he has received a Superior Accomplishment Award and a cash award for outstanding performance. He served for 2 1/2 years during World War II in the Army Air Force.

R. Hugh Montgomery has served in the capacity of general clerk at the Weber Basin Projects Office for the past 8 1/2 years. Prior to that he was employed by Hill Air Force Base and the Naval Supply Depot at Clearfield. His years of Government service total 21. His duties at Weber Basin include scheduling releases of stored water for project uses, power generation, crop census, and operation and maintenance.

Begun in 1952, the extensive Weber Basin Project in north-central Utah now nears completion. The project will provide a full supply of water for irrigation of 41,990 acres of land, a supplemental supply to 70,750 acres, and 50,000 acre-feet of water for municipal and industrial consumption in Ogden and adjacent communities. In addition, flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits will be provided.

The following friends wish you joy and happiness on your retirement:

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ashcraft

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Armstrong

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown

Bill Brin

Austin Barker

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bushnell

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dale Bohman

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ross
Mr. and Mrs. John Riley
Anna Seely
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Schrader
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Severns
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your list of
names as well
(sorry I forgot
last time) Debbi*

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Ref. 1948 Bowling League

Dear Barry,

I was much interested in the article in UC TODAY concerning the 1948 Bowling League. On first glance only one name registered, "Bartholomew" and immediately thought, "Black Bart". On closer examination I realized I knew nearly a dozen on the list and decided to send you my assessment based on having worked with some of them for 20 years or more.

First – a brief background of my Reclamation connection:

I began in the Spanish Fork office in June 1956 as a student trainee while at BYU. That fall I transferred to USU and in June 1957 began in the USBR office in Logan as a Hydrologist Trainee on the Bear River Project.

Upon graduation from USU in June 1958 with a degree in Civil Engineering I began work full time in the Logan Office and was there until the office was closed in 1973 and I was transferred to the Regional Office in Salt Lake City, working in the Planning Division until my retirement November 1988.

Working in the Logan field office I became acquainted with personnel from the Regional Office as they visited us on periodic reviews of the Bear River Project. After transfer to the Regional Office I came to know those I already knew even better, as well as made new friendships.

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Here is my remembrance of those I knew that are on the list of bowlers.

Cahoon, John – planning division. He had a keen, analytical mind and could be intimidating with his penetrating questions, until you realized he was not attacking you, but was "thinking out loud" - probing his own mind for answers to complex problems. He was a whiz at Reservoir Operation Studies. Very competitive – note he has highest average score.

Bywater, Elwood – Front office. Quiet person which made his retirement story rather surprising:

An English teacher assigned her class an essay. One boy turned his in the next day - only one sentence long. When questioned on the length, he reminded her it contained her 4 essentials of a good essay: Religion - Royalty - Sex – Mystery. The sentence read, "Good Heavens!" said the Princess, "I'm Pregnant; I wonder Who done it?"

Veirs, Gene – Water Quality. I helped him select the measuring stations on the Bear River. A calm friendly guy.

Gessel, Clyde – Planning Division, Flood Control. A solid, no nonsense approach to problems. Rather reserved, but when he spoke, people listened. Reminded me of a grandfather you could go to for counsel.

Hunt, Hollis - Lands Division (I think). Did not know him very well, but he was another of the original group involved in the Colorado River Storage Project.

Bartholomew, Oscar – Planning Division, Soils. Known as “Black Bart” in reference to a Wells Fargo Stage Coach Robber during the California Gold Rush. Don't know how he got the name, but he didn't seem to mind. He was like a big teddy bear.

Bateman, Ken – Planning Division, Drainage. Another easy going, steady person. Worked with him on the Paradox Valley Salinity Project

Oka, Jim – Weber Basin, then to Regional Office. Planning Division – Water Quality. Worked with him on different projects. Another calm, easily approachable fellow.

Warnick, Francis – Weber Basin Chief. I did not know him well, but those who did had high regard for him as both an Engineer and a person.

Wallace, Leon – Division ?. I may be totally wrong on this one. My recollection was he was physically challenged – had a bad limp. If this is the right one, I knew him from St. George where I grew up.

Murdock, ?- Designs and Engineering or Land Acquisition. I did not know him well but others spoke of him with high regard.

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There were three others, not on the bowling list, who played a key role in the planning of the complex CRSP.

Barker, Austin – Drainage. Austin was a complex individual – very opinionated and spoke his mind, but would “go to bat” for those under his supervision. He had a prickly personality, but was quite likable when you ignored the rough edges.

Sant, Paul – Economics. Sharp in matters of finance. Impatient with those who could not respond satisfactorily to his questions. Even more impatient when told, “I don't know”. Loved a good joke.

Steele, John – Also known as “Red” from his hair. - Planning Division, Water Supply. My mentor and Regional Supervisor while I was in Logan. Despite the color of his hair, he was a gentle mild man, except when needled by the playful Cahoon, then he would vigorously defend his position – to the delight of Cahoon, who would back down with a grin.

Cahoon, Gessel, Bartholomew, Barker, Sant, & Steele, along with others not mentioned here, had a unique relationship. They could debate controversial issues with vigor, yet end up laughing and slapping one another on the back for “a job well done”. And it was – they formed the core of the planning for the Colorado River Storage Project.

I hope the above statements are useful and interesting.

Sincerely,  Clifford I. Alldredge

March 2013 Safety Presentation

“The Age of Accidents is over”



On March 18th, Sergeant Matt Smith of the Utah Highway Patrol presented a safety meeting on what he termed “the Distracted Driving Epidemic.” Distracted driving which includes manual (hand occupation), Visual (sunsets, accidents, etc), and cognitive distractions are a major concern for the safety of the public in Utah. In 2011, there were 3331 fatalities and 387,000 individuals injured (reported) in Utah in Automobile accidents. He stated that 46% of all crashes are rear-enders usually because people are not paying attention.

Sergeant Smith said that “¼ to ½ of all drivers are driving distracted. Cell phones are the leading distraction through calls or texts.”



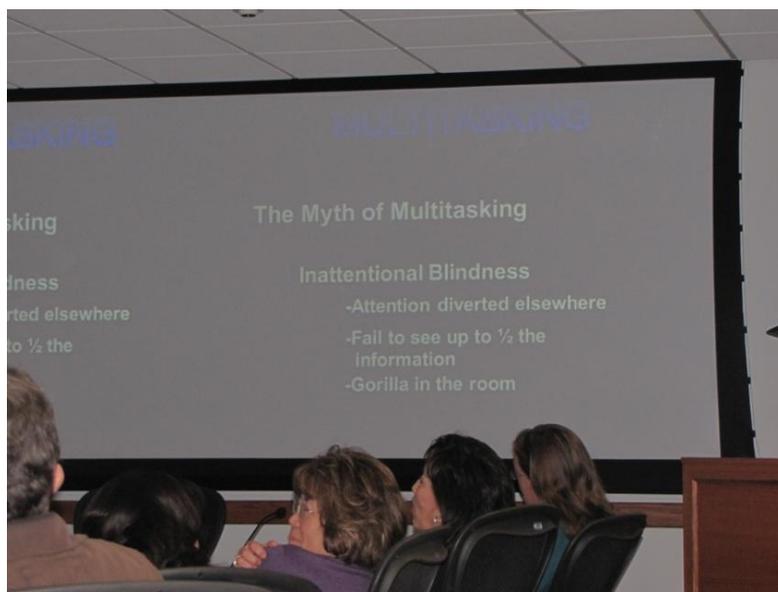


Approximately 10% of Drivers are obviously on the phone and are 4 times as likely to be in a crash. Teens are 4 times more likely to be distracted due largely to inexperience and the seemingly necessary demands of the “information age” that we live in. Adults are at fault as well. Even with “Hands Free” we are still not effective drivers. Studies show that “Hands Free” options DO NOT decrease risk of collisions.

Sergeant Smith shared a couple of definitions with us that can be both amusing but serious.

Multitasking-Screwing up several things at once

Texting-killing off human interaction 2 thumbs at a time



People who are texting while driving increase their crash risk.

·Their risk of being involved in a crash is 23 times greater than non-distracted drivers.



·They are 8 times as dangerous as a driver with a 0.08 BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) which is the legal limit for driving under the Influence in all 50 states.

·They have their eyes off the road for an average of 4.65 sec which at freeway speeds is over a football field length of roadway.

The state of Utah has penalties for texting and emailing while operating a moving motor vehicle. If a texting individual is found liable for an automobile crash that kills someone, he or she will be liable for that death. It isn't considered "just an accident" anymore.



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Mike Velasquez is Retiring



Mike Velasquez is retiring after 27 years with Reclamation. He is a U.S. Army veteran who started working for Reclamation in 1986 for a regional drilling crew out of Southern California. One of his first assignments was to Navajo Dam, where he later found himself permanently hired as a maintenance worker at the dam. In 1995, Mike was promoted to Dam Tender at Navajo and has been in the position for 18 years.

During his tenure at Navajo Dam, Mike has been involved with numerous projects spanning every discipline encountered at Reclamation. His work ran the gamut of responsibilities, from spearheading major mechanical rehabilitation projects to cleaning the toilets. He has refurbished high pressure gates, low pressure gates, even chain link gates. He has counted eagles, netted fish, relocated osprey and sampled for mussels. He has pulled weeds, burned weeds, chopped weeds, sprayed weeds, and eaten a few weeds. He oversaw the installation of power generation facilities at the dam, and recreation facilities throughout. He participated in



low-flow studies and high-flows too. He worked on the diaphragm wall on the left abutment and the drainage tunnel on the right. He's drilled holes, poked holes, cleaned holes, plugged holes, and monitored the stuff coming out of holes more than any man should. He has chased down phantom alarms, and has been chased down by angry anglers. He has pulled enough electrical wire to reach the stratosphere. He's burned a ton of welding rod, and buried heavy equipment. He ordered hand cleaner by the pallet, yet found time to push paper when required. He even saved the life of a man at the base of the dam.

A recipient of the Department of the Interior Valor Award and the Regional Director's Award of Excellence, Mike has truly been there and done that.

Somehow or another he was given the nickname of "Mean Mike". If you ask him how, he says it is because he worked next to a kinder gentler Mike (Lorenzini) for years. But if you have had the opportunity to work with Mike Velasquez, you would agree that the nickname is a misnomer. This is a man dedicated to his grandkids, his horses, and the great outdoors.

Mean Mike will retire on Friday, March 29, 2013. Despite a great loss to Reclamation, his grandkids, his horses, and the great outdoors will have much to gain. He will be greatly missed.

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In Transition

UC Retiree Donald F. Hunsaker – a Stalwart of Property Management

by Barry Wirth, Public Affairs Office

The Reclamation family in the Upper Colorado Region lost a long-time friend and former coworker with the passing this month of Don Hunsaker. Don retired in 2004 as the manager of the Property Management Group, serving the region through several different organizational versions of the office. He was with Reclamation from 1980 through 2004. He eventually moved to the Phoenix area for warmer weather and to enjoy his year-round golf passion. Don died on March 9th, with word reaching the region several days later.



Don was remembered as an innovator who helped implement several property and management systems not only across the region, but across Reclamation. He was a charter member of the Reclamation Property Manager Council. The office, under his tutelage, was marked by spirited discussions, productivity, and customer service. Additionally, there was always time to ponder the next great golfing adventure too.

Current Chief of the Property Office Shellie Nall said that four primary lessons Don taught her still resonate today. They include: understand what customer service really means; do the right thing at all times; understand you are working on behalf of the tax payers of the United States; and, realize that *government* regulations are important and apply to everyone. Don always shared his knowledge and provided his employees opportunities to learn and grow.

Debbi Fugal of the Information Resources Division worked for many years with Don. She said, "Don taught me two lessons that I continue to utilize today; 1) Work out problems you have with other employees. Sit down and talk through issues, you have to work with these people for years and it is in your best interest to maintain a positive, professional relationship; 2) I will support you as long as you can justify and have sound reasoning for your decisions. Don was not only a great boss, but a great friend and mentor as well."

In addition to his federal service, Don served in the U.S. Army, seeing combat in the Viet Nam war. Don was proud of his service and had a tremendous ongoing respect for the nation's



military family. In that vein, it is most appropriate that one of his favorite golf courses was at Hill Air Force Base where he could feed his golf passion and rub elbows with fellow military people.

Don will be missed by all who worked with him --- and also by those of us who lost substantial amounts of money to him on the golf course.

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Former PN Region Employee Gladys Elizabeth Clark dies

Gladys Elizabeth Clark, 93, passed away Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 of natural causes in Sheridan, Wyo. Gladys was born March 29, 1920 in Glens Ferry, Idaho to Howard Eckersell and Sarah Gold Eckersell. She was the last survivor of eight children. She was the mother of two sons, Jeffery and (Skeeter) Dan Clark III. Sadly her son Skeeter passed away last year.



Gladys graduated from high school in Rexberg, Idaho and attended Henninger Business School in Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the time of her marriage to Dan E. Clark Jr. she was employed with the Bureau of Reclamation in Idaho Falls as the secretary to the project engineer of the Palisades Dam, when it was still in it's planning stages. After they were married she and Dan managed the Railroad Ranch in Island Park, Idaho and later the ZX Ranch in Paisley. They moved to Sheridan, Wyo. in 1965.

Gladys enjoyed volunteering. She delivered Meals on Wheels for several years and spent over 1000 hours working in the gift shop at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She served on many local boards including Civic Theater Guild, Hospital Auxiliary and the Sheridan Country Club Woman's Golf Assoc. A life-long painter she especially enjoyed her art classes at the Sheridan college. She had many hobbies, she loved to bowl, play golf at the country club and especially loved to play cards.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband; son Dan (Skeeter); brothers; sisters; grandson Tommy.

She is survived by her son and daughter-on-law Jeffery and Shirley of Ogden, Utah; step-daughter Peggy Cottom of California; six grandchildren; 17 great-grand-children.

Cremation has taken place. Respecting Gladys' wishes, there will not be a memorial service. Memorials may benefit the Dog and Cat Shelter 84 East Ridge Rd., Sheridan, Wyo. 82801, Sheridan Senior Center 211 Smith St., Sheridan, Wyo. 82801 or Hospice of The Big Horns,



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1401 W. 5th St. Sheridan, Wyo. 82801. Online condolences may be sent to
www.kanefuneral.com

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Bison Connect Tip of the Week

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Tip for the week of March 18, 2013:

Bad Request - Request Too Long

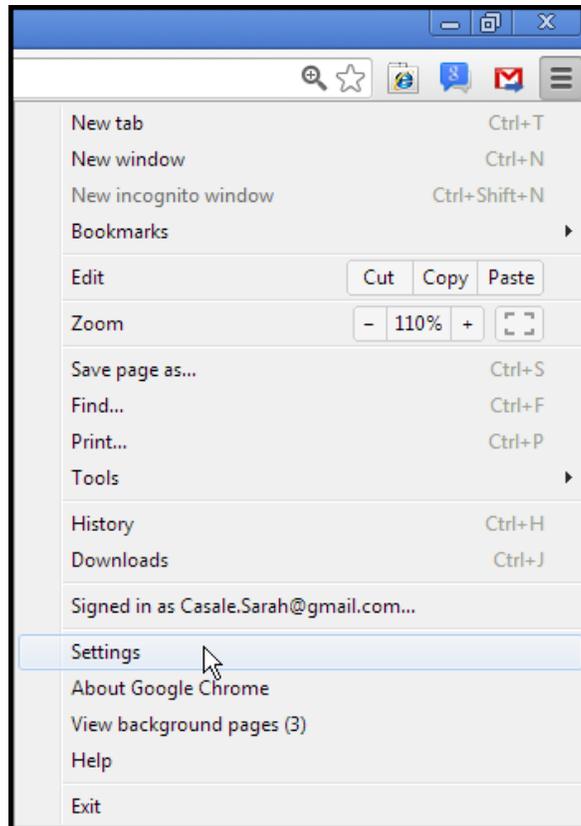
HTTP Error 400. The size of the request headers is too long.

Have you seen this error before? Many of you have. If you try to launch Bison Connect and you see this message, you can fix it by clearing the cache and cookies. Here's how:



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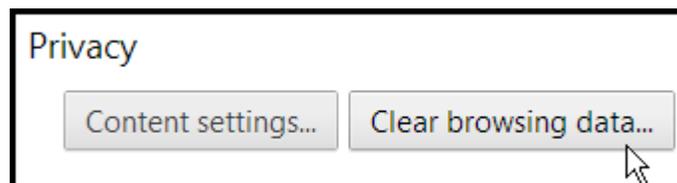
1. Click the icon with 3 horizontal lines at the top right of your browser, and open Settings.



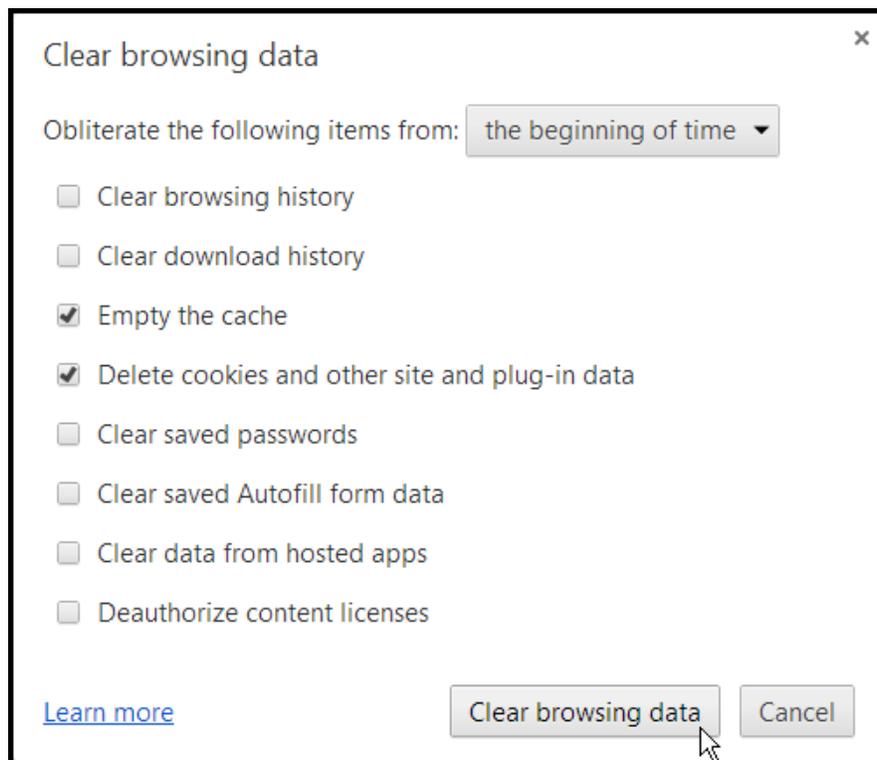
2. Click "Show advanced settings" at the bottom.



3. Under the "Privacy" section, click on "Clear browsing data."



4. From the dropdown at the top of the screen select "the beginning of time."
5. Select the boxes for "Empty the cache" and "Delete cookies..."
6. Then click "Clear browsing data."



7. After that, try loading your mail again.

This should be done periodically to prevent Chrome from acting glitchy. So feel free to clear the cache and cookies as much as needed.

Additional Bison Connect resources are available through DOI.

For FAQs visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/doi.gov/bisonconnect-resource-site/training>

For How To's visit: <http://howto.doi.net/>

You may also contact the Help Desk at 801-524-3784 if you have any questions.

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Sharing Our Diversity by Sharing Your Recipes

From the kitchen of **Lauri Brown – Shish-Kebabs**

Meat Marinade:

½ tsp. dry mustard
¾ tsp. ginger
1/8 tsp. black pepper
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
6 Tbsp. Soy sauce
3 Tbsp. Lemon juice
3 Tbsp. Oil

Combine all ingredients and add steak.
Marinate at least 4 hour.

1 large round steak – Cut into 1" chunks

Cherry tomatoes, whole
Onions, cut into 1" chunks
Pineapple chunks
Mushrooms, sliced in half
Green or red pepper, cut into 1" chunks
Zucchini squash, sliced
Any other vegetable that sounds good.

Lace meat onto skewers rotating with your favorite vegetables. Cook on BBQ grill for 10 to 12 minutes, rotating.

If using wood skewers, soak for 30 minutes before lacing them with food.

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What Is the Media Saying About Reclamation This Week?

Reclamation Comments on Diesel Spill at Willard Bay <http://t.co/GuqoOZibop> Twitter

[Year's snowpack looking weak](#)

[Willard Bay marina closed after fuel line leak](#)

[Diesel spill closes portions of Willard Bay State Park](#)

[Fuel leak near Willard Bay displaces beavers](#)

[Energy: Congress wants to boost hydropower production](#)

[Al Gore to tout Navajo Generating Station in LA](#)

[L.A. to go coal-free; will ditch Navajo plant's power](#)

[Workload full to brim with water measures](#)

[Colorado River Study Looked to Future But Did Not Open Up 'Law of the River' – Bloomberg BNA](#)

[New Mexico's water crisis forces tough choice for Carlsbad Irrigation District](#)

[Conserving water for future generations](#)

[Federal Water Tap, March 18: Lower Runoff Forecast for Western U.S. Rivers](#)

[Water Plan Offered for Rio Grande Valley](#)

[WCWCD offers \\$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of theft](#)

[Two bills on hydropower could help Colorado](#)

[Texas lawmakers: Mexico falling short on water pact](#)

[Rough Water Ahead for the Colorado River](#)

[Drought Could Prompt More Fire Warnings](#)

[Drought watch: meanwhile, further south on the Rio Grande](#)

[Texas enters 'water war' with Mexico](#)

[Dancing with drought](#)

[Experts: Few Water Options Away from the Rio Grande](#)

[Water Conservation Will Soon Be Mandatory](#)

[Their View: Gila River water must be put to use in New Mexico](#)

[Drought watch, Lower Rio Grande edition: a tough year for the pecan and chile farmers](#)

[Amordt water-rights settlement signed after half-century of dispute](#)

[Phoenix may not survive climate change](#)

[Drought Intensifies in South Texas](#)

[Valley cities may run out of water soon](#)

[Industry News - County to consider request for Mexican water](#)

[River beat: the emptying of Lake Powell](#)

[Water District offers \\$5,000 reward concerning vandalism](#)

[Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Environmental Impact Statement, New Mexico](#)

[Artist paints down the middle in run for City Council seat](#)

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[Lawmakers: Mexico Falling Short on Water Agreement](#)

[Cities May Have to Buy Residents Water](#)

[Parts of the Rio Grande Valley Could Run Out of Water This Spring](#)

[Here comes the sun?](#)

['Cadillac Desert' explores how the West was watered](#)

[WATER: Stakes high as Supreme Court weighs intervention in N.M.-Texas dispute \(Greenwire, 03/12/2013\)](#)

[GJ City Council Race: Dist. E](#)

[Water: Lake Powell dips under 50 percent of capacity](#)



[State asks Forest Service to collaborate on land management](#)

[Runoff Forecast for Colorado River Shrinks in March](#)

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[There's no doubt, we're in a drought](#)

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Women's History Month Trivia

Here's this week's set of questions:

1. People who are texting while driving increases their crash risk: ___ times greater than non-distracted drivers; they are ___ times as dangerous as a driver with a ___ BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) which is the legal limit for driving under the Influence in all 50 states.
2. Huntington North Reservoir, created by Huntington North Dam and by the East and West Dikes, has a total capacity of ___ acre-feet and a surface area of ___ acres.
3. Regional Director Larry Walkoviak mentions a saying that is so very poignant to him. What is that saying?

Last week, We asked,

1. On July 30, 1942, the WAVES became a World War II division of the U.S. Navy, and consisted entirely of women. The name was the acronym for "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service".
2. Gale Ann Norton served as the 48th United States Secretary of the Interior the first woman to hold the position.
3. Lorri Gray-Lee the Regional Director for the Pacific Northwest Region, she is the second female Regional Director. Who was the first? Maryanne Bach - Great Plains Region.

Last winner was – Marian Thornton – Elephant Butte Field Division

Please use this [link to send your answers](#). To be fair we will draw names from the winners and one person will receive a prize. We will reach into the prize bin for something suitable for the winner...as long as supplies last.

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