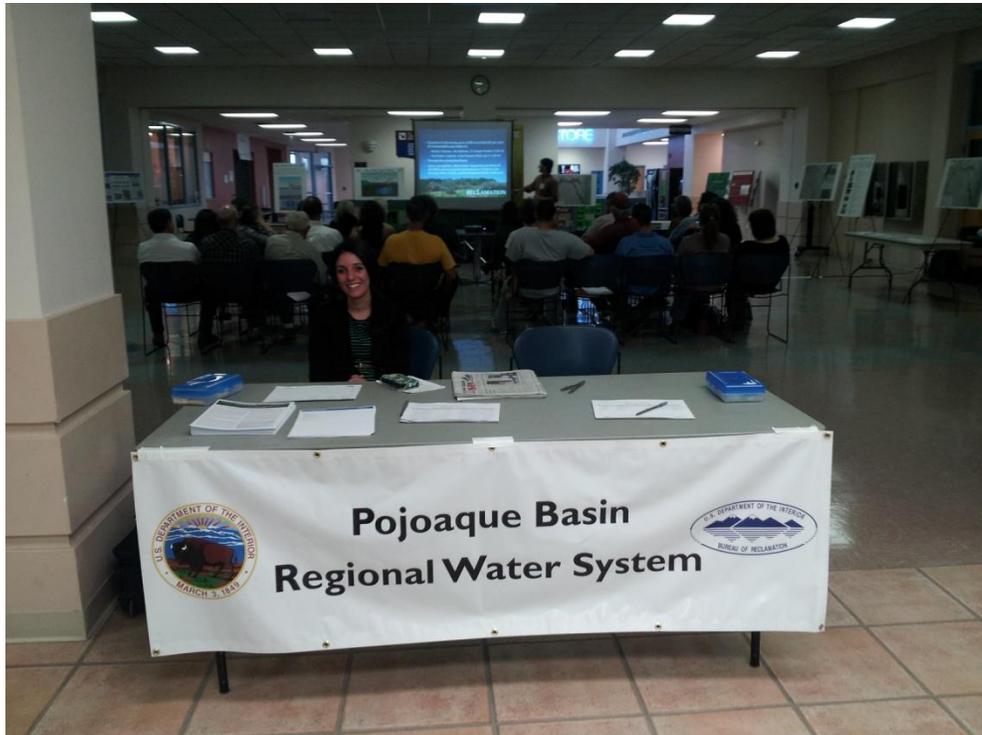


Albuquerque Area Office Wraps Up Public Scoping for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Environmental Impact Statement



Malik Hakim of Consensus Planning welcomes attendees to the scoping meeting in Espanola, NM.

Molly Thrash
Environmental Protection Specialist
Albuquerque Area Office

March and April were busy months for the Major Projects Division in the Albuquerque Area Office. The Aamodt Settlement Agreement and Cost Sharing and System Integration Agreement were signed by Secretary Salazar and the other governmental parties on March 14, 2013. The Major Projects Division was also very busy in March with agency coordination and Pueblo consultation meetings.

Reclamation's consultation and coordination team includes Albuquerque Area Office Assistant Area Manager Art Valverde, Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Program Manager Kathy Dickinson, EIS project manager Molly Thrash, and the project manager for the Environmental Support Services contractor, David Batts of Environmental Management and Planning Services, Inc. (EMPSi). The



team has met in formal government-to-government consultations with all four Settlement Pueblos – Nambé, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso and Tesuque – at the Pueblo government offices. The team also met separately with cooperating agencies in the EIS process in March: the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the New Mexico Department of Transportation. In addition, the team met with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to provide a project briefing and gather existing data.

Other members of the Major Projects Division attended the public scoping meetings with the consultation and coordination team to help answer questions: Rick Hall, Lead Engineer; Lam Ho, project engineer; Diana Clifton, Realty Specialist; and Terina Perez, Supervisory Project Manager. The first public scoping meeting was held April 1, 2013 in the Tesuque area, followed by a meeting in the Pojoaque area on April 2, Santa Fe area on April 3, and the Espanola area on April 4. These meetings were very well attended, with more than 70 people at the first and more than 90 people at the second! The team took the weekend off, and reconvened in Taos on April 9. Only three local attendees were present at the Taos meeting, including a member of the Board of Directors of the El Prado Water and Sanitation District. Perhaps the weather kept everyone away –it snowed that night in Taos.

Public scoping wrapped up on April 18, with a meeting held in the El Rancho area, particularly for the non-Indian county residents near the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. The team hosted a meeting the night before, April 17, at the Tewa Visitors Center on the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. These two meetings were added after the formal scoping announcement was published, at the request of Governor Terry Aguilar of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. They were both well attended by both Pueblo and non-Pueblo residents.

Photos below



Secretary Salazar signs Settlement Agreement. Behind from left to right: Pueblo of Tesuque Governor Mitchell, Pueblo of Nambé Governor Perez, Pueblo of Pojoaque Governor Rivera, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Pueblo de San Ildefonso Governor Aguilar, Santa Fe County Commission Chair Kathleen Holian; Behind City of Santa Fe Mayor David Cross.





David Batts gives the project overview presentation at the scoping meeting at Santa Fe Community College, April 4, 2013.



Meeting participants study the wall-sized maps with Art Valverde in Tesuque, April 1, 2013.



Standing room only at the Pojoaque area scoping meeting on April 2, 2013.



PBRWS Program Manager Kathy Dickinson reviews large scale map with a scoping meeting participant at the Northern New Mexico College in Espanola, April 4 2013.



Katie Patterson with EMPSi answers questions at the Mexico College in Espanola, April 4.



Project engineer Lam Ho answers questions regarding Northern New project design at the El Rancho area scoping meeting on April 17.





UC Deputy Regional Director Brent Rhees visits the scoping meeting at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, with Chris Banet of the BIA and federal chair of the implementation team, and Pueblo de San Ildefonso Governor Terry Aguilar.

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Rope Access Training at Jordanelle Dam

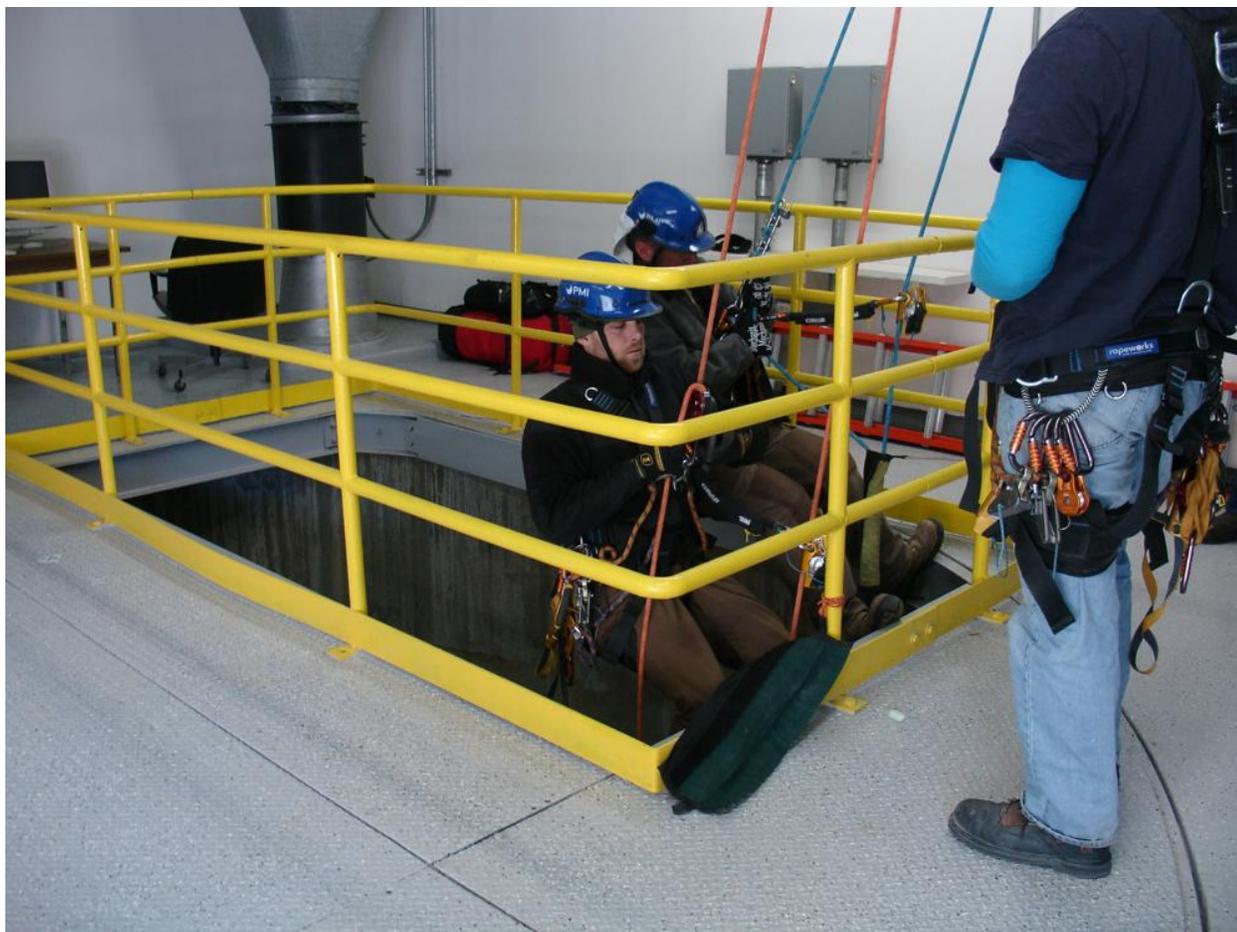


By Mark Neeley
Rope Access Coordinator
Upper Colorado Region

Recently, Rope Access Training was completed at Jordanelle Dam for Rope Access teams from Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) and the Provo Area Office (PAO). Prospective team members are required to successfully complete a 32-hour basic introduction to rope access. Team members are required to have at least a 16-hour refresher course in rope access techniques if they have had 40-hours or more of qualified rope access experience in the previous year, otherwise they must complete a 32-hour refresher course. The training commenced on March 11, 2013 at the bottom of the gate chamber at Jordanelle Dam.



Participants from CUWCD and PAO included two prospective team members (one for each team), 4 returning CUWCD team members, and 3 returning PAO team members. In the photo above Mark Neeley, Upper Colorado Region's Rope Access Coordinator and trainer, is observing prospective PAO team member Rachelle Vanderplas performing a knot passing skill in the foreground while PAO team members Brian Hart and Ryan Proctor are practicing an advanced rescue skill.



PAO team member Brian Hart and CUWCD team member Corbin White are making final adjustments before beginning the 300 foot descent into the gate chamber. Ryan Proctor is checking their connections. Both men are using a new self-trailing back-up device (ASAP by PETZL) on the safety line. The ASAP automatically follows the rope access technician without being held or towed. Industrial rope access uses an independently anchored two-rope system, one rope is the load line the other is a safety or back-up line. Brian is using a PETZL I'D as his descent device while Corbin is employing a 6-bar stainless rack manufactured by SMC. The ropes are polyester 12 mm (1/2-in) diameter kernmantle static ropes with a breaking strength of around 9000 lbs.





Even though there was ice on Jordanelle Reservoir, the weather was so nice that the training moved from the gate chamber to the selective level outlet works bridge. The bridge provided the opportunity for participants to practice edge negotiation, descent, ascent, rope-to-rope transfer and knot passing in a more realistic situation. In the foreground, Brian Hart is waiting to be “rescued” by Dale Hamilton. The bridge provided access for the rescuer to reach the rescuee from above. Dale negotiated the edge with his descent device placed on Brian’s safety line and his ASAP back up device on Brian’s load line.





Dale has reached Brian, who is in ascent, and has used Brian's second back-up device to connect to his central D-ring and has also connected a pick-off sling from Brian's sternal D-ring to the upper of two carbiners attached to the Dale's I'D and Dale's central D-ring. Dale is preparing to set up a 3 to 1 mechanical advantage (MA) using Brian's foot-loop and handled ascender. The MA that will allow him to lift Brian, releasing the tension on Brian's ascension gear, and then lower him down onto the pick-off sling.



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Team members must become proficient with “pick-offs” from descent and ascent while prospective members must be able to perform a pickoff with the rescuee in descent. Mark Neeley is watching for correct performance of the skill. In the fore ground Calvin Killian (CUWCD) is preparing to pick-off Garth Bascom (CUWCD). Ryan Proctor (PAO) is standing on the ground after completing a rope skill. In the center, near the top of the photograph Mark Southerland (CUWCD) is preparing to pick-off Rachele Vanderplas (PAO). Closest to the reservoir Corbin White (CUWCD) is preparing to pick-off Ron Nielsen.





Corbin White and Mark Southerland are changing from descent to ascent. Which is one of the most commonly used rope access skills.



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The rope access training included building mechanical advantage systems to raise and lower a person even if the person has no rope access experience. The photograph shows the class using a simple three to one MA they constructed used to raise Ryan Proctor after he had been lowered using a lowering system and a manned-belay.

There are active rope access teams at the Elephant Butte Office, Power Office (Curecanti Field Division, Flaming Gorge Field Division, Glen Canyon Field Division), Provo Area Office, and the Western Colorado Area office (Grand Junction and Durango). The work performed by Upper Colorado Region Rope Access teams has been recognized as being a valuable and cost effective way to perform required maintenance and inspections by Area Managers in this region as well as in other regions.

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Thoughts from the Front Office

Being in the water business like all of us in Reclamation are, I have become more conscious of utilization of water outside of work, too. I notice when people in my neighborhood, or at a business I drive by, are watering their lawns in the middle of the day in the summer, or when water is flowing freely down the street from broken sprinklers or over-watering. I haven't knocked on anyone's door yet to tell them to turn the water off (to my husband's relief), but I've been critical in my own mind about these things.

Because I have been so critical of others, I decided that it was time to take the "save water" idea to heart. We recently xerescaped our backyard, giving up all of the lawn in our yard and most of foliage—at least the "water hogging" foliage. It was hard to do—I really liked the "green space" that my backyard provided, but I think it turned out pretty great. I've shared some pictures below so you can see for yourselves.

In our work, many of us deal with water issues every day. I think we should all set an example and help conserve water where we can. You don't have to go as far as xerescaping, there are lots of ways to save water on a daily basis. In the regional office, BOREA has had some great activities in the past and our water conservation staff can help us with ideas, too. We also have kits in the region to measure your sprinkler output to ensure you are getting the right amount—not too much. Rick and I used the kit in our yard in the past (when we had lawn) and it helped us adjust our sprinklers to the correct amount needed.

So as we enter the summer months, knowing we have below average precipitation for the year, and frankly even if we didn't have below average precipitation, think about the things you can do to save our water—the precious resource that is so important to everyone, especially us in Reclamation. Share ideas with one another and if you find good ideas we can share through UC Today, let us know.

Thanks for all you do every day.

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Photos below





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Glen Canyon Field Division Leadership Challenge



Marie Memmer, Karla Allen, Jane Blair, and Ruth Douglas

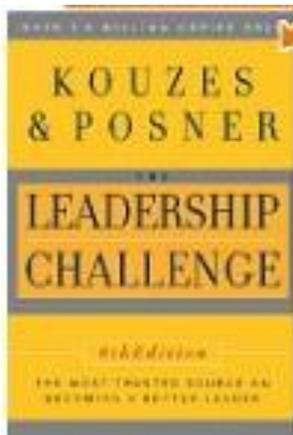
By Marie Memmer
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Several months ago, many employees at Glen Canyon Field Division participated in Leadership Challenge training. Several characteristics of good leaders were emphasized, and attendees were encouraged to try to incorporate this training into their everyday jobs, picking one of the aspects that they wanted to improve upon.

Karla Allen, Ruth Douglas, and Marie Memmer each took one of those aspects and incorporated it into a presentation on Women's History Month. They invited Jane Blair, UC Region Power Manager, to speak about some of her challenges as a woman engineer.



To “Challenge the Process”, Ruth prepared information regarding famous women of the 1920’s, and some of their accomplishments. During this time period, women were working to get the right to vote.



“Hundreds of women gave the accumulated possibilities of an entire lifetime, thousands gave years of their lives, hundreds of thousands gave constant interest and such aid as they could. It was a continuous, seemingly endless, chain of activity.”

Alice Paul led a march of 80,000 women through Washington DC on the eve of President Wilson’s inauguration. Carrie Chapman Catt was instrumental in forming the League of Women Voters, an organization that is still influential. Women were emerging as actresses, sports figures, authors, and artists. Georgia O’Keeffe came to notice as an artist challenging modern art styles.

Karla addressed the challenge of “Model the Way” with a quiz showing how women had been influential in inventing many things. Did you know that a woman invented windshield wipers? The invention was for manually operated wipers, but later as automobiles became prominent, a woman invented the first automatic wipers, too. The disposable cell phone was invented by a woman. Undoubtedly to get out of the kitchen, a woman invented the first dishwasher, predominantly used in commercial applications but something now seen as an essential appliance in the home. And the mother of a famous “Monkey” invented White-Out!

Marie’s Leadership Challenge was “Encourage the Heart”. She invited Jane Blair to speak about her challenges as a woman engineer. Jane spoke about her journey of growing up, her education and jobs she held, and even “whatever was I thinking?” She said that she believed she earned respect by listening to what others were saying, communicating, showing initiative and creativity, and importantly “knowing what you don’t know”. She discussed her thought that “we are all learning disabled”—there are things out there that you don’t know. Her closing thought was **“It’s What You Say and What You Don’t Say That Matters. Encourage the young women in your sphere—daughters, nieces, friends children—to be all they can be.**” Marie continued this theme, discussing how “Encouraging the Heart” is about supporting others and encouraging teamwork, praising people and making sure it is sincere—from the heart. Some parting thoughts:

*Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.
Be careful of your words, for your words become your deeds.
Be careful of your deeds, for your deeds become your habits.
Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.
Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.
Be careful of your leadership, for your leadership becomes your legacy.*

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Ruth Douglas: 30 Years of Federal Service

Ruth Douglas, Supply Technician at Glen Canyon Field Division, has recently been recognized for 30 years of Federal service.

Ruth started working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Western Navajo Agency in Tuba City, Arizona as a Clerk Typist when she was 19. While still working for BIA, Ruth transferred to the Juneau Agency in Bethel, Alaska where she worked as a Secretary to the Agency Manager. She enjoyed the Alaskan Native culture.

In 1985 Ruth moved back to Arizona to study computer programming at Mountain States Technical College in Phoenix and work for the Federal Courts as a receptionist for the Federal Public Defender.

While in this position, she interpreted for the non-English speaking Navajos that came to court. Shortly thereafter she went to work at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and worked there for two years.

Ruth moved back to Northern Arizona in 1986. She worked at the Navajo Generating Station for a couple outages and as a volunteer at her local Chapter House where she piloted community organizations for the Inscription House, Senior Citizen Center & Navajo Artisan Association.

In 1988 Ruth went back to work for the BIA in the Academic Department of the Shonto Boarding School as a Clerk Typist. In addition to her clerk duties there, she headed programs encouraging parent and student involvement, the Project Love program, and Navajo Tribal Clothing program.



In 1996 when the school decided to accept funding under the 638 Grant for Indian Tribes, Ruth applied for an Office Automation Clerk position at Glen Canyon Field Division. Ruth has remained at Glen Canyon Field Division and has recently become a Supply Technician.

Glen Canyon Field Division would like to thank Ruth for all of her hard work and dedication and congratulate her on 30 years of Federal employment.

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Navajo Culture and History Awareness Training



Bennie (Ben) Silversmith, Traditional Medicine Man and Navajo Consultant

By Dave Gates
Photographer
Four Corners Construction Office

The Four Corners Construction Office, sponsored a Navajo Culture and History Awareness Training on April 2, 2013 in the Farmington Office. The training was conducted by Mr. Bennie (Ben) Silversmith, Traditional Navajo Consultant and Mr. Michael Benson, Navajo Department of Water Resources. Thanks to the technical wonders of video teleconferencing, five additional offices throughout the UC Region (Salt Lake City, Provo, Grand Junction, Durango, and Albuquerque) were able to participate in the training.

Mr. Silversmith discussed traditional Navajo history. He told of the unwritten way of the Navajos, the three worlds they have ascended through and into the fourth world now. He talked of the origin of clans with animals as guardians. The people farmed and hunted game for food and clothing. Trading occurred with other local tribes in the area. He talked of the importance of the traditional ceremonies and the language and the hope that these traditions would be carried into the future.





Mr. Michael Benson, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources

Mr. Benson spoke on the history of the Navajo Government, and the importance and role of the 110 Navajo Chapters. Until 2012, the Navajo Council consisted of 88 members. By referendum this was reduced to 24 members. Hundreds of Navajo men and a dozen women joined the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Navajo Code Talkers used the Navajo language. To learn more about the Navajos Mr. Benson recommends reading [The Book of the Navajo](#) by Raymond Friday Locke.

The presentations were very informative, well received, and through the use of videoconferencing, reached a wide audience.

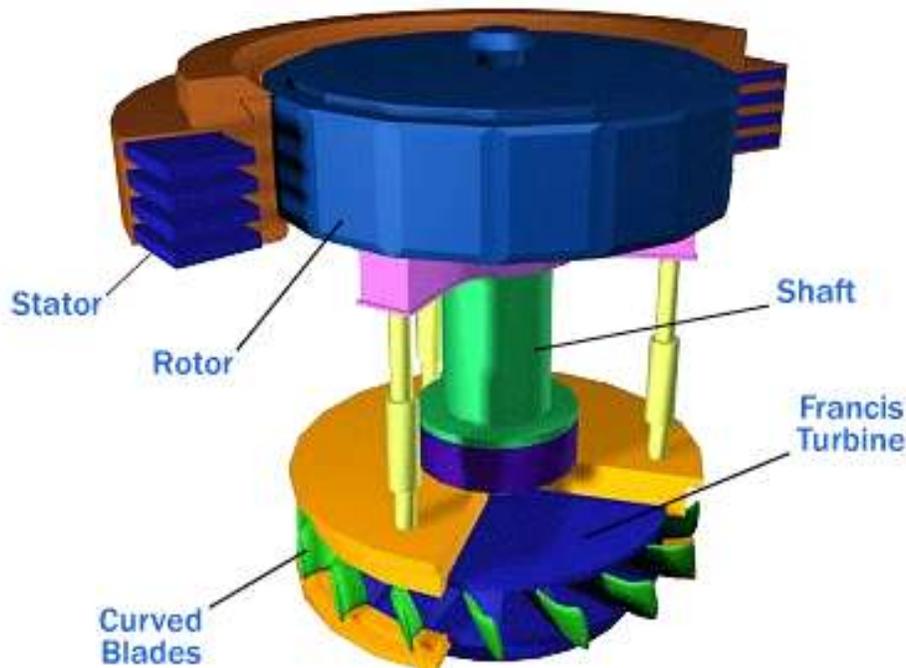


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Glen Canyon Powerplant: Continuation of Challenges for Unit 6



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The powerplant at Glen Canyon Dam has 8 hydroelectric generators and when all of these generators are running, they can produce approximately 1300 MW of electrical power at full capacity. In July of 2008, however, the hydroelectric generator referred to as Unit 6 experienced an electrical failure when a short occurred across the copper windings in the Stator of the generator. The Stator is the stationary ring of copper windings and insulation material on the outside edge of the generator assembly (see generator graphic). The stationary copper windings of the Stator are where the electricity is generated as the Rotor spins inside of the ring. The Rotor passes a magnetic field over the coils and this causes electricity to flow through the coils. But the movement of the magnetic field also places tremendous forces on these coils and over time, these forces can break down the insulating materials that surround and stabilize the coils. The coils can begin to move under the magnetic force and this is not good for the generator. The breakdown of the insulation in Unit 6 ultimately allowed enough movement of a section of the coils that a short circuit occurred and the unit was taken out of service and was not capable of generating electricity.



When Stator windings fail in this manner, repairing the generator typically requires a complete replacement of the Stator (referred to as a rewind) which is a major maintenance procedure that could take over a year to complete even when a replacement Stator is available. Reclamation was planning on replacing the Stator of Unit 6 within the next several years but had not yet started on the process of acquiring a replacement Stator. With the time required for contracting, designing and manufacturing a replacement Stator for Unit 6, it potentially was going to take several years to replace Unit 6's Stator and return that unit to service.

There was an urgent need to have Unit 6 available for power generation as a result of above average inflows to Lake Powell and larger than normal required annual release volumes from Glen Canyon Dam. Reclamation formulated a plan to fix the existing Stator temporarily by modifying the configuration of the coils. The fix did require a reduction of the rated capacity of the unit to 125 MW which was about a 20% reduction in capacity. But this allowed operators to utilize Unit 6 for generation temporarily while Reclamation concurrently worked to procure a replacement Stator through the Acquisitions Department. Reclamation also decided to use the unexpected outage as an opportunity to replace the turbine runner for Unit 6. In September of 2010, the turbine runner and Stator repairs were completed on Unit 6 and the unit was returned to service at the reduced capacity rating.

The modifications made to the Stator of Unit 6 resulted in an electrical and mechanical imbalance in the generator; this was anticipated by the design engineers. But the imbalance caused a significant increase in the vibration of the generator when it was operated. Over a period of time management became concerned about these vibrations and requested a full assessment from the Denver Technical Services Center (TSC). During the week of January 14, 2013, engineers from the Denver Technical Center conducted mechanical and electrical tests on Unit 6 and also Unit 5, the unmodified sister of Unit 6. The data collected from Unit 5 was compared to the data from Unit 6 to provide a baseline of comparison.

The results from these tests indicated that Unit 6 was experiencing vibrations what were about 5 times greater than the vibrations that Unit 5 was experiencing at similar generation rates. Inspection of Unit 6 also revealed the formation of hairline cracks on the structural supports for the electrical assemblies on the Rotor, called the Rotor Arms, on Unit 6. No cracks were found on the Rotor Arms of Unit 5. The engineers from the Denver Technical Center believe these hairline cracks to be the result of the increased vibration and continued operations of Unit 6 during the period from September 2010 through January 2013.

The engineers from the TSC advised management that continued operation of Unit 6 would increase the risk of a potential catastrophic failure of Unit 6 if any of the Rotor Arms were to break while the unit was being operated. If such a failure were to occur, major damage to the unit could occur and this damage could cascade to the neighboring units (Unit 5 and Unit 7). They also advised that there would be an increased risk to the staff at Glen Canyon Dam working in the area near Unit 6 if such a catastrophic failure were to occur.

On March 22, 2013, Reclamation management made the decision to declare Unit 6 unavailable until such time as the Stator for Unit 6 could be rewound. In making this decision, the managers considered the option of keeping Unit 6 available for power generation but only as a resource of last resort, meaning the unit would only be turned on when no other options were available to meet the electrical load. While there was a financial benefit that this option could



have realized, ultimately, management decided that the financial benefit was not sufficient enough to increase the risk to the staff at Glen Canyon Dam and the risk of potential catastrophic damage to Unit 6 and its neighbor units.

The current projections are that Unit 6 will remain unavailable for generation until approximately May of 2015. Additional unit outages will be occurring during that time for other maintenance work. But with the current hydrology of the Colorado River Basin, the available generating units at Glen Canyon Dam are expected to be sufficient to provide load following capability for power generation as well as provide sufficient capacity for reserve generation. It is also anticipated that the available units over the next 2 years will be sufficient to achieve the annual deliveries from the Upper Colorado River Basin to the Lower Colorado River Basin as described in the Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortage and Coordination Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

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Helping the Beavers of Willard Bay



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After reading the March 20th UC Today article about the Heroes of Willard Bay and how their dam helped to prevent diesel fuel, leaking from a Chevron pipeline, from getting into Willard Bay, FMD decided to help out the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah as their BOREA event for the month of April. The Wildlife Rehab Center has taken in a total of 6 beavers that were injured in the spill, consisting of a mother beaver and 5 kits. Caring for the beavers has depleted the supplies that the Rehab Center uses to care for all the wildlife taken there to be treated. The first three beavers found the day of the spill were not exposed as long to the diesel and are doing well. The remaining three beavers rescued almost a week later were exposed much longer to the diesel and it has caused severe burns to the skin and the increased risk of infection. Upper Colorado employees really came through for the beavers. A partial list of donated items included:



Two 50-pound bags of granulated turkey maintenance grower
10 pounds of unsalted, shelled peanuts
Two 10-liter bags of soft granule blend small pet bedding
Two 50-pound bags of rabbit feed
Two 25-pound bags of rabbit feed
One 50-pound bag of poultry mash
1 50-pound bag of pigeon feed
2 48-oz bags of Timothy hay
3 24-oz bags of Timothy hay
5 pounds of canary mix
5 pounds of finch mix
5 pounds of Nyjer seed
5 pounds of wild bird snack
25 pounds of small world hamster food
Over 100 rolls of paper towels
2 bottles of bleach
2 bottles of laundry detergent
Disposable gloves
Assorted tools
Sandwich bags, Freezer bags, and Trash bags
35 pounds of cat food
10 pounds of kitten chow
2 reams of paper
2 books of stamps
1 IFA gift card
\$196 cash



Our donations were enough to get a shout-out on the Facebook page of the [Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah](#) where they said: “A HUGE THANK YOU to the Bureau of Reclamation and their Employee Association for helping the Beavers of Willard Bay and the rest of the animals here at WRCNU!”

The beavers have a long road of healing ahead of them and thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the UC Region employees that road has been made a little smoother.

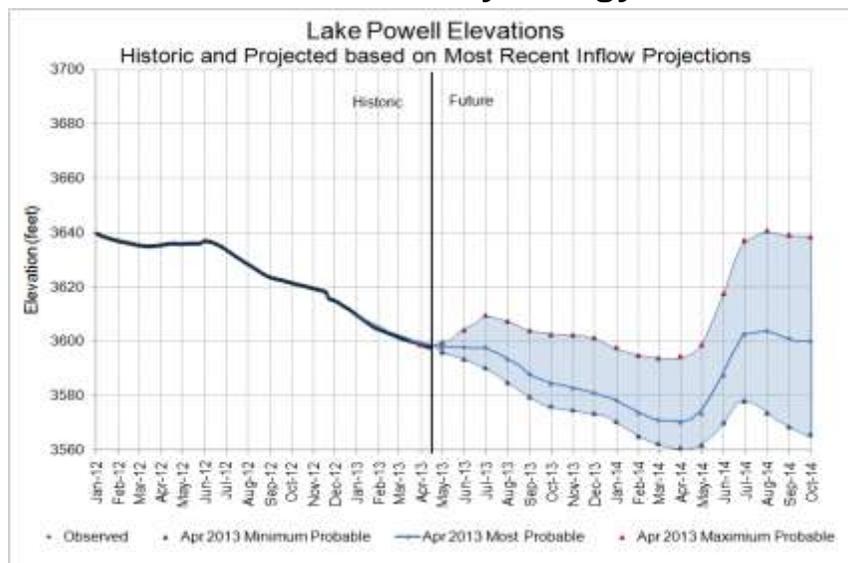
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Lake Powell Hydrology



By Dave Trueman
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It is that time of year again when we look up at the mountains wondering what the year might bring. Usually you hear our most probable forecast taken out several decimal points of precision. Well let's take a deeper look at just how much we really know this time of year. We know it has been a poor year for snow and that influences our projections, but April and May can bring additional snow and rain. Runoff efficiency (the conversion of snow into storage in our reservoirs) varies quite a bit too. So this time of year we make three projections that look at a range (minimum, most, and maximum probable). Even then there is a 10 percent chance of higher and a 10 percent chance of lower values.

Looking at the graph above (how we engineers love our graphs) one can see that in April we are down about 40 feet from last year. That's because last year's inflows were well below average and we were drawing on storage to meet Compact deliveries. Odds are that will happen again this year, but the range is still pretty wide. Hope spring eternal for next year.

A final word, the glass is still half full! Lake Powell is enormous and doing its job as a reservoir. Even at these levels it is still a lot of fun to explore. Happy boating!

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The Lone Ranger & AAO



By Dwight Crabtree
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Last year my son and I answered a casting call for extra's in the new Lone Ranger picture. I recommend this a worthwhile endeavor for everyone, but have to say I had no expectations that experience would be anywhere close to the excitement, fun and and unique circumstances that happened to me. I was costumed and made up for a scene depicting Promontory Point "East meets West" golden spike ceremony. My character was one of twelve shareholders who had sponsored the building of the railroad. One of the casting requirements was to grow a beard. While I grew one, my son did not. He was called in February and had a scene at a state fair which he got to drive a model T and walk around with a couple different women and children. I got a call in March, right after I had succumbed to my wife's insistence that the beard was scruffy, I looked old and should shave. The casting people said it was ok as long as I still had my mustache. When I was fitted for long coat top hat and the worst shoes I have ever worn, a goatee was attached and my picture taken. The instructions were to wait for another call for time and location of the shoot.



A month later the call came to report at 6:00 AM to a remote location west of Albuquerque, where I was to be transported to the more remote set. The set had literally hundreds of people already working. There were railroad workers, cavalry, townspeople, dignitaries and even a band. It was very overwhelming and I resolved to follow directions and not get expelled for some silly reason. The first rule was never approach a star and only speak to them if they spoke first. The scenes I was in took eleven days to shoot. As they were initially set up I waited patiently and took a place in the back but each time Gore Verbinski moved me next to an experienced actor. I sat on the bandstand next to Tom Wilkinson who receives a gold watch for managing the building of the railroad and next to Steven Root in a courthouse scene. I attribute Verbinski's selection of me to not only the superior new goatee but also to the excellent fake mustache that was attached to me. Of course there is probably the most obvious fact I would not take away any star power from those around me. There was a lot of hang time between shots and I was able to meeting some very interesting people all very much into doing a good job for each and every shot. The townspeople and railroad workers really have my admiration as they ran almost every day and were blown up and shot at. One afternoon I had my beard adjusted in the makeup trailer along with Helena Bonham Carter and William Fichtner. Am I star struck, of course. The crowning experience was to be in the center of the first trailer released for the movie. I got emails from my fellow shareholders expressing their true delight at me having "made it in the shot". This was truly a memorable experience that I don't think could ever be duplicated no matter how hard I try.

The Movie will be released in July of this year.



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Retirement Planning - Understanding Your TSP Options

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Since April is Financial Literacy Month, I've decided to devote this week's column to helping you gain a better understanding of your Thrift Savings Plan investment choices.

At the end of 2012, TSP plan assets stood at \$330 billion, with 4.6 million participants. This translates to an average participant balance of \$70,000. At the end of 2011, the G (government securities) fund held the largest balance of any of the funds, at nearly \$148 billion.

Here's a quick quiz: Why do you think there's so much money in the G Fund?

- It is viewed as safe.
- Investors fear losing money or having a negative return.
- The G Fund is the default choice if a participant doesn't choose a different mix of funds.
- Many employees still covered under the old Civil Service Retirement System who participate in the TSP view it as more of a savings account (short-term investment) rather than a retirement account (long-term investment).
- Many people don't understand the other investment options.
- Many investors fear the market risk associated with stock and bond investments.

The answer is all of the above. Just because almost half of all TSP funds are invested in the G Fund doesn't make it the best choice for everyone. Federal Employees Retirement System investors in particular should try to gain a better understanding of retirement investing versus saving money for the near term.

Words to Live By

Long-term investing requires an understanding of a few key terms:

- **Diversification:** The practice of purchasing a variety of investments in order to mitigate the risk associated with any single investment.
- **Compounding:** The rate of growth of earnings. (Hint: to learn how fast your money will double, divide the rate of return into 72. For example, if you expect a 3 percent rate of return on your investment, your money will double in 24 years, but if your investment delivers a 6 percent return, then your money will double in 12 years.)
- **Market risk:** The risk associated with overall financial market and economic decline (also called systematic risk). Aside from not investing in financial markets at all, there is little an investor can do to eliminate market risk. Some investors try to escape it through market timing, but that is very difficult to do.
- **Index fund:** A compilation of investments in a particular category used as a benchmark. An example is the Standard and Poor's index of 500 large U.S. companies.



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- **Volatility:** The frequency with which investments rise and fall in value. Historical rates of return generally show that when investments fall, in most cases they eventually will rise again.

TSP Choices

Here are the investment options currently offered by the TSP:

- Stable Value: G Fund
- Diversified Fixed Income: F Fund
- Lifecycle Funds (a balance of investments based on projected retirement date): L Income, L2020, L2030, L2040, L2050
- U.S. Stocks: C Fund, S Fund
- Non-U.S. Stocks: I Fund

The number of investment options is intentionally limited. It keeps things simple so that even novice investors can understand their options.

So which of the choices is best for you? Here are some resources to help you decide:

- [Investment Funds Overview](#)
- [Individual Fund Fact Sheets](#)
- [User-Friendly Calculators](#)
- [The TSP on YouTube](#)

Here are some final numbers to consider:

- The 2013 limit on the amount you can contribute to a retirement savings plan like the TSP is \$17,500.
- The 2013 catch-up contribution limit (a separate additional amount that can be contributed by participants age 50 and older) is \$5,500.

I hope you'll spend some time this Financial Literacy Month learning something new about retirement investing.

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Bronze, Silver and Gold Making a Difference Together



Galan Hanson, James Powell and Jesse Higgins

By Marlene Shelton
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Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Elephant Butte Field Division celebrated 60 years of combined service at our March ADHOC meeting.

Jesse Higgins a Power Systems Electrician received his 10 year service award. He has been at Elephant Butte Dam power plant for 6 years. Prior to this he was employed by the National Park Service in Page, Arizona. He served in the Army Reserve in Iraq from 2003 to 2004. New



Mexico is Jesse's home state with extended family in the Silver City area.

James Powell received his 20 service award and is currently the Elephant Butte Field Division Manager. Jay started his creditable service in the U.S. Navy as a Sonar Technician. He started his civil service with the Department of Defense as an Electrical Engineer at Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma City. He started with the Bureau of Reclamation in the Mid-Pacific Region at the Northern California Area Office. He joined the Upper Colorado Region in 2005 at the Albuquerque Area Office, Elephant Butte Field Division, where he says he plans on retiring from.

Galan Hanson (soon to be retiring) General Engineer received his 30 year award. Galan started his working career in the West Texas, Eastern New Mexico oil fields. He has been with the Elephant Butte Field Division serving in various duties since 1987. He left for a time to work with the International Boundary Commission, but returned to T or C to put down permanent roots. He currently serves as our Safety Officer and general counselor and is looking forward to a long and prosperous retirement in the very near future.

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Proper Way to Wear a Safety Helmet



Since its National Bike Month, here are some [safety tips from eHow](#):

There is no federal law mandating the use of bicycle or motorcycle helmets but "wearing a helmet can prevent a life-threatening head injury," according to the Mayo Clinic. Not only are helmets a safety requirement, they are often a state legal requirement. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's website states, "only three states have no motorcycle safety laws." It goes on to say, "21 states plus the District of Columbia have bicycle laws." It is important to learn how to wear the helmet to ensure your safety.

Instructions:

Bicycle Helmet

1. Place one end of a tape measure on your forehead, just above your eyebrows, and wrap it around the back of your head until it returns to the starting point. Write down the number. Measure your head two more times to make sure you get the same number. This is your hat size.
2. Find your size on a hat chart. If your size does not match a listed number, round up to the nearest number. This is your hat size. Helmets generally come in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes but these measurements vary among manufacturers.



3. Put on your helmet and secure the straps under your chin to hold the helmet on your head. If the straps are loose, adjust them so the helmet does not wiggle on your head or fall off. You should not be able to pull the helmet off once it has been tightened.
4. Wear the helmet flat so it covers your forehead.

Motorcycle Helmet

5. Find your hat size by measuring your head and comparing the number to a hat size chart. Purchase a helmet.
6. Grasp the helmet by its chinstraps. Place your thumbs inside the straps, pull the sides of the helmet apart and pull it on your head by the chinstraps. It should be "square on your head," according to the Motorcycle Safety Administration.
7. Make sure the cheek pads are touching, not pressing on, your cheeks. Ensure there are no spaces between your temples and the brow pads or the neck roll and the back of your neck. The face shields on safe helmets should not touch your nose or chin.
8. Fasten the chinstraps to keep the helmet on your head.

Tips & Warnings

- Do not wear a hat under your helmet.
- Do not tip your helmet back. It should protect your forehead.
- Never wear a helmet like a hat.
- A loose helmet may fall off your head during an accident.

Check out the links below for more information on National Bike Month.

<http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/promo.php>

<http://utahbikemonth.org>

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Bison Connect Tip of the Week

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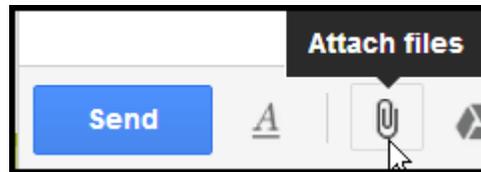
Tip for the week of April 29, 2013:

An Introduction to New Compose. Google has rolled out a new format to its gmail compose window. To help you get familiar with it, here are a few pointers:

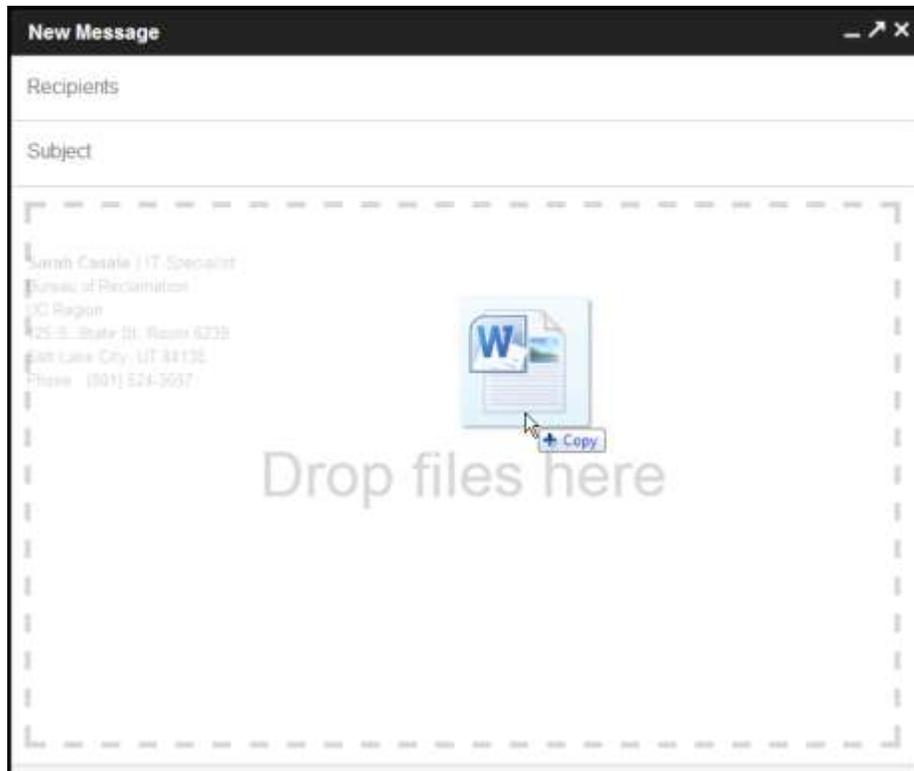
1. Your cursor must be placed in the "To" field in order to see the options for Cc and Bcc.



2. To attach files, click the paperclip at the bottom of the screen OR drag your file onto the compose window.



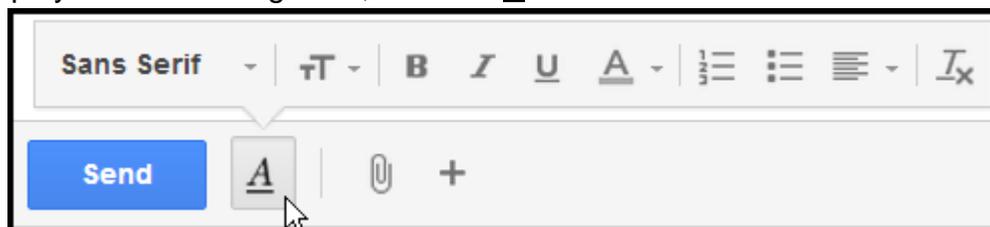
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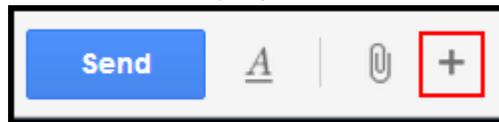
3. To delete the email you are working on, click the trash can icon at the bottom of the window. If you close the window, your email will be saved as a draft.



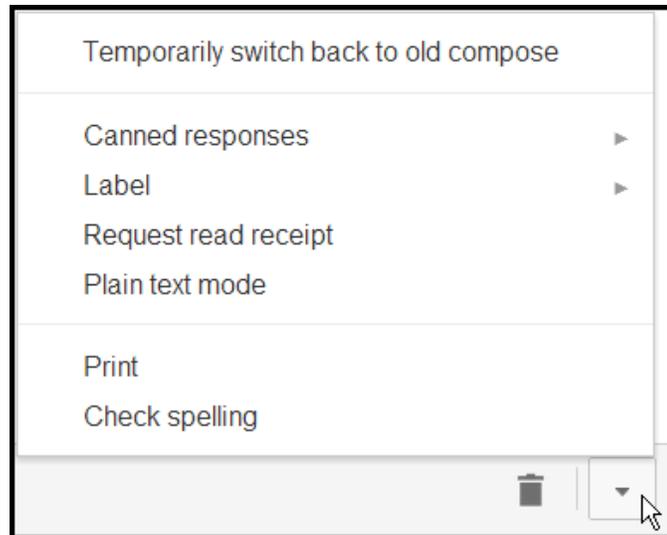
4. To display the text editing tools, click the A icon at the bottom of the window.



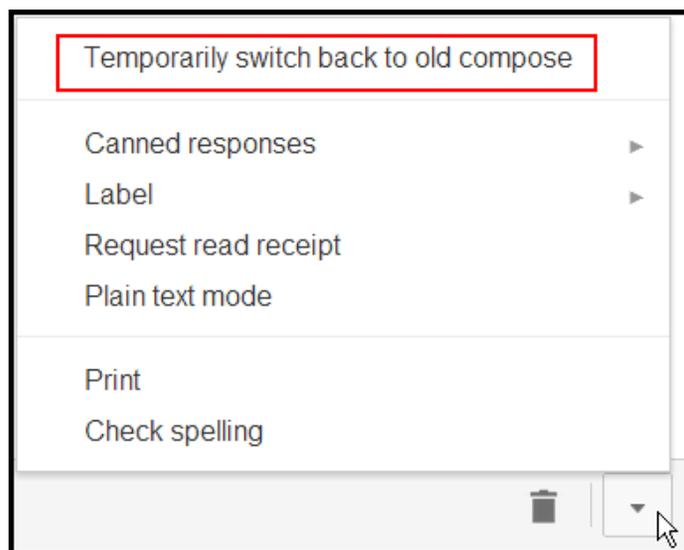
5. Hover your mouse over the + icon to display more tools.



6. For **Canned responses**, **Label**, **Read receipt**, **Print**, and **Spell Check** options, click the arrow icon in the bottom right of the window.



7. If you hate new compose, you can temporarily switch back to the old compose window by selecting the option below. NOTE: I don't know how long you will be able to stick with the Old Compose. Google will force everyone off of it eventually. So it might be a good idea to get familiar with it now.



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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Former UC Region Employee Machiel Cornelis Goudriaan "Max" dies

Max passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on April 18, 2013.

He was born October 14, 1935 in Rotterdam, Holland to Pieter and Dina Goudriaan. Max immigrated to the United States with his parents and younger sister in 1954 when their parents decided to leave Holland after the second World War. Soon after arriving in Salt Lake, he decided to enlist in the army and went back to Europe to serve his new country. While serving as Medic in the US Army in Germany, he met his sweetheart, Inge Nürnberger. They were married in Schweinfurt on December 21, 1957 at St. Johannis Kirche.



Max dedicated his life to serving his country, community and his family. After serving his tour of duty with the US Army he brought his German bride and their baby son back to the United States and settled down in Salt Lake City. He worked for the Federal Government in the Bureau of Reclamation, volunteered as a Boy Scout leader and as a Division Captain for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. After retiring from work his wife Inge developed Alzheimer's disease and Max became her caregiver for many years, until he was diagnosed with lung cancer and could no longer care for her. He spent his last days with his wife at St. Joseph Villa. He is survived by his loving wife; two children Larry (Connie) Goudriaan, and Silvia (Brad) Bunkall; five grandchildren, Kimberly, Nichole, Christopher, Victoria and Brittany; four great-grandchildren Hunter, Addyson, Landen and Tucker; sister Dini (Marcelo) Droguett and two loving nieces Yvonne Zody and Sonya Droguett.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father. He was a devoted and kind husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and will be deeply missed by all.

A viewing and celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:00-8:00PM at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East, Salt Lake City. Funeral Services will also be held at Starks Funeral Parlor on Wednesday, April 24th at 11:00AM. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1342 East 500 South, Salt Lake City.

The family wished to express their sincere appreciation to Inspiration Hospice and the caring, compassionate staff at St. Joseph's Villa.

"Slaap rustig, lieve man, Fader, Groetfader and Broer... Wy zullen je erg missen."



Rest peacefully, sweet Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother... We will miss you dearly."Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.starksfuneral.com

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Utah billionaire, Sinclair Oil owner Earl Holding dies

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah native and billionaire Earl Holding died Friday night, according to a spokesman from Sinclair Oil, one of Holding's many businesses. He was 86 years old.

Holding, whose given name is Robert Earl Holding, is the long-time owner of Sinclair Oil after buying the business in 1976. He has since built a business empire worth a reported \$2.6 billion, according to Forbes, and is ranked by Forbes 400 as the 155th richest person in America.

"As an individual he was a lion of a man," said Clint Ensign, senior vice president of the Sinclair Companies. "We all had tremendous respect, admiration and love for both Mr. and Mrs. Holding. He just was a remarkable, rare individual and one of the brightest business minds that I've met."

Besides Sinclair Oil, Holding was the owner of Grand America and Little America hotels, the Westgate Hotel in San Diego, and two ski resorts — Sun Valley Idaho and Snowbasin near Ogden.

Holding is said to have been among the largest landowners in America, with some 400,000 acres across the West.

Holding attended the University of Utah and began his professional life as a civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. He and his wife Carol were married in 1949 and together the couple raised three children.

Holding suffered a severe stroke in 2002, which left him partially paralyzed, though he continued to lead his organization for years.

The cause of his death has not yet been released, but Ensign said it was his understanding that Holding died as a result of old age and the lingering symptoms of his stroke.

Marty Carpenter, executive vice president of the Salt Lake Chamber, described Holding as a businessman who went beyond commercial success.



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"This is a man who was so successful in business and so successful as a family man that this is a tremendous loss for our community," Carpenter said. "We've lost a great man who did a lot to enrich the lives of the people who live in our community."

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert also expressed his appreciation of Holding.

"Jeanette and I offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Earl Holding, a Utah icon of initiative, industry and hospitality," he said. "May they find peace and comfort at this difficult time, as well as reassurance that Earl's profound contributions to the greater community will endure."

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Former UC Region Employee Evelynn Jensen Reese dies

Paul, Idaho - Evelynn Jensen Reese, a 93-year-old resident of Paul, Idaho, passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013, in Rupert, Idaho.

Evelynn was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Brigham City, Utah. Her parents are Carrie Sophia and Anton Jensen. She was the eighth of nine children — eight girls and one boy. Her sisters are Thelma Lee, Grace Hansen, Doris Merrell, Helen Casto, Joy Fedderson, Dauna McIntyre and Gay Garrett; and her brother is Armour Jensen, all whom are deceased.

Evelynn was married to Milton H. Reese in Evanston, Wyo., on Sept. 14, 1940. They dry farmed in Utah before drawing a homestead in Paul, Idaho, in the year 1955. Evelynn worked as a personnel officer at the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley until her retirement in 1988. Eventually they sold their farm in Paul and bought a ranch in Moore, Idaho. They also bought a house in the town of Paul, where they lived when they weren't at the ranch.

Evelynn always looked on the bright side of everything and was always willing to help whenever she could. Her family said they never heard her say anything negative about anyone. Evelynn enjoyed playing bridge, doing crossword puzzles and fishing.

Evelynn is survived by her children, Kathy Preuit of Rupert, Idaho, Bill Reese of Moore, Idaho, and Marilyn (Brent) Whitesides of Rupert, Idaho; five grandchildren, Stacey (Kent) Jackson, Brandon (Lisa) Whitesides, Troy (Janice) Preuit, Josh (Bobbie) Reese and Courtney (Gabe) Rollheiser; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton; and a great-grandson, Ty Reese Jackson.

Thanks to the special people at Vista Assisted Living in Rupert for the wonderful care they gave our mother in her last days.

According to Evelynn's wishes there was no formal service held. A private family burial was held in the Rupert Cemetery under the direction of Joel Heward at Hansen Mortuary.

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Former PN Region Employee Vernon "Vern" Groathouse dies

(Riverton, Wyo.) – Vernon "Vern" Groathouse, 92, of Riverton, died on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at Wind River Health Care. Service will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church with



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Pastor David Magruder officiating. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. A viewing will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home.

Vernon Orval Groathouse was born on August 1, 1920, in Fairbury, Neb., to George and Ethel (Harrington) Groathouse. He spent his younger years living in southeastern Nebraska before the family moved to Wyoming. He attended schools in Fremont County and worked on the family farm.

He served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the VFW.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverton.

On November 10, 1946, he married Hilda Haun in Riverton. Together they raised two boys and one girl. He worked for the Bureau of Reclamation and at the Uranium mines in Jeffery City. Later he worked for the School District in Laramie, Wyo., for 30 years before moving back to Pavillion in 1985 where he worked for the town of Pavillion. A few years later he finally fully retired. In 2005 he and his wife, Hilda, purchased a home in Riverton and moved to the city. In 2010 they both moved to Homestead Assisted Living where they both lived until Hilda passed in November of 2010.

His family said that he loved to read western books, Louis L'Amour being one of his favorites. He also enjoyed getting outdoors, fishing and camping. Playing cards were an extracurricular activity that he thoroughly enjoyed and his favorites were pinochle and cribbage. Above all things he truly enjoyed having a cup of coffee and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Groathouse and James Groathouse both of Riverton; his daughter, Jeannie Groathouse- Hiltz of Salt Lake City, UT; his grandchildren, Shannon and John Christensen, Dhana and Julie Groathouse, Rachella Hiltz, and Kevin and Misty Hiltz; and 7 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three brothers, Earl Groathouse, Charles Groathouse, and Perle Groathouse.

Memorials may be made to Homestead Assisted Living in care of Davis Funeral Home.

Services are under the direction of Davis Funeral Home. On-line condolences for the family may be made at www.TheDavisFuneralHome.com.

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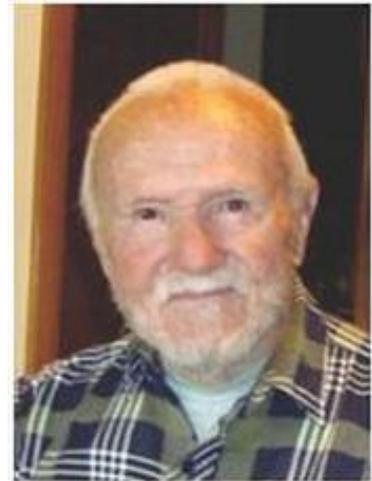
Former Employee Robert (Bob) Stanley Oram dies

Robert Stanley Oram, 87, passed away on April 10, 2013 after a blessedly short battle with cancer. Robert, a.k.a. Bob Oram—alias “The Keota Kid”—was delivered into this life by Dr. D.G. Olson on January 29, 1926, in Keota, Colorado, and departed it on April 10, 2013, in Boulder City, Nevada. He was preceded from this life by Marion Ruth Dale, his wife of 34 years, in 1983, and his siblings Mary Naeda Oram in 1926, Charles Ford Oram Jr. in 1933, and Auriel Josephine Oram Sandstead in 2007. His parents were E. Fae Stanley (1890-1980) and Charles Ford Oram (1887-1956). He was married to Malu Tshitenga in 1985 until her return to Zaire in 1986. In 1991, he married soul mate E. Audrey Reynolds Oram. He is survived by Audrey, and his step-daughters Helena Le Roy, Nancy (Steve) Cottrell, Jana Allman, step-grandchildren Michelle, Brandi, Heather, Philip, Jennifer, Brett, Amy, step-great grandchildren Scotty, Blake, Hailey, Abby, step-great-great grandchild Joseph, and his sister Laura Pilkington.



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At the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and after basic training on the west coast—and an expert rifle weapons qualification—was shipped to Iwo Jima where during deployment, “both his best buddies fell on either side of him”. After WWII, he was stationed in China until he was relieved from active duty in 1946. Upon his honorable discharge, he held the rank of Corporal. Since 5th grade, he knew he wanted to be a pilot, and thanks to the “G.I. Bill”, received his pilot’s license—and took his first aerial photograph of Keota—in 1947. During his flying years, he worked as a Ground Instructor rated in Aircraft, Engines, Meteorology, and Civil Air Regulations, as a commercial pilot for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and as a private pilot—eventually logging over 4,000 hours. He received his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Wyoming in 1963, and subsequently worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as a structural engineer. He had experience as a surveyor, transmission line inspector, substation construction advisor, and engineering division administrator for multiple projects that included the San Juan Chama Project and Nambe Falls Dam in New Mexico, the Inga Dam Inga-Shaba 500 kilovolt transmission line in Zaire, Africa, the Nueces River project and Choke Canyon Dam in Texas, and the Hoover Dam near Boulder City, Nevada before his retirement in 1985.



His life hobbies were water skiing, flying his Cub, and photography. He and Audrey loved sightseeing from the air—Bob taught Audrey all the basics of flying, “however, she never flew solo”. They enjoyed traveling and camping in their “Gypsy Wagon” and participating in the restoration of “Sunshine Corner” in Keota where they liked to vacation. During his lifetime, he documented numerous volumes of pictures he took of his family, friends, and travels; he also archived his mother’s photographs—recently bequeathing his entire collection to his second cousin Gwen Stanley, appointing her the “new custodian”. He was an experienced writer and good storyteller, and contributed to the Colorado newspaper The Fence Post. In 1987, he published Zaire, Yesterday and Today and dedicated it “to those who learn the customs of their neighbors wherever they may be and those who would promote peaceful communications worldwide”.

Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Long Term Care Unit at the Boulder City Hospital, Boulder City, NV. 89005 Friends and family can sign an online memorial guestbook at www.bouldercityfamilymortuary.com

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Former PN Region Employee Ron Lee Taylor dies

Ron Lee Taylor, 66, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Ron was born in Burley on April 20, 1947 to Dona & Lyle Taylor. He was the oldest of five children.

Ron lived in Burley, Aberdeen, American Falls and Pocatello. He was married to Nancy Wickel and they had two children; Arden and Kristen. They later divorced and he married Donna Benson and together they had one child; Logan. Ron and Donna later divorced. In 1986 he met and married the love of his life, Sheri Morris Thomas.

Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing, NASCAR and the Fort Hall slots. He loved traveling to Alaska, the Oregon Coast, Las Vegas, Louisiana and Phoenix to the NASCAR races.

Ron owned the Trading Post in American Falls, then went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation at the American Falls Dam. After moving to Pocatello he went to work for Western States Equipment where he retired in 2010 after 23 years. He loved his post- retirement job working for Sawtelle Supply.



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Ron is survived by his wife, Sheri Taylor, Pocatello; brother Kelly (Terri) Taylor, Pocatello; sisters, Toni Taylor, Blackfoot; Jeri (Bob) Wasia, Blackfoot; Debra (Pete) Smith, Pocatello; five children and 13 grandchildren; Arden (Heidi) Cranney, Will, Tate, Ellee and Makaye, Oakley; Michelle (Gibb) Stotts, Ashlee and Lacey Thomsen, Pocatello; Kristen (Winslow) Johnson, Beck, Isaac and Maximus, Minneapolis, Minn.; Tricia (Richard) and Cheyanna Jacks, Dakota Rowe, Jonesville, La.; Logan (Jackie) Taylor, Benson and Jameson, American Falls; several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Funeral services for Ron will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at Wilks Funeral Home 211 W. Chubbuck Road. A viewing will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday. Interment will follow services Wednesday at the Mountain View Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Wilks Funeral Home (208) 238-8000. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at wilksfuneralhome.com.

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Reclamation Trivia

Here's this week's set of questions:

1. The 2013 limit on the amount you can contribute to a retirement savings plan like the TSP is \$17,500. **True** or **False**
2. Recently, _____ Training was completed at Jordanelle Dam for _____ teams from Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) and the Provo Area Office (PAO).
3. "The Long Road Home" talks about an Army Veteran and Reclamation employee. What employee is mentioned in this article?

Last week, We asked,

1. The Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project celebration commemorated a monumental effort to enclose the Provo Reservoir Canal (also known as the Murdock Canal) with a 126-inch diameter welded steel pipeline.
2. Nambe Falls Dam is located about 300 feet upstream from Nambe Falls which forms the sharp break between the Sangre de Cristo mountains on the east and the Espanola Basin on the west.
3. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell walked up the main steps of Interior to a crowd on the steps of the C Street entrance. Unlike predecessors, she walked to work today, from the West.

Last winner was – **Scott Blake – Provo Area Office**

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