

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Filing of Plats of Survey, Nebraska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file the plats of survey of the lands described below thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is necessary for the management of these lands. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of certain sections, the adjusted 1928-29 meanders of the dry bed of old lake (Tract 37) and the adjusted 1929 meanders of the right bank of the Missouri River, and the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the original 1867 meanders of the right bank of the Missouri river, and the survey of the subdivision of certain sections, and the meander of a portion of the present right bank of the Missouri River, fractional Township 25 North, Range 10 East, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Nebraska, Group No. 168, was accepted November 3, 2011.

Copies of the preceding described plat and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: November 9, 2011.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

[INT-DES-11-58]

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima Counties, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology, the joint lead agency, has prepared a draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project. The draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) is available for public review and comment.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on or before January 3, 2012

Three public open house meetings will be held on the following dates to share information about the proposed action:

- Monday, December 5, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Cle Elum, Washington.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Ellensburg, Washington.
- Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Yakima, Washington.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments or requests for copies to Candace McKinley, Environmental Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia-Cascades Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, WA 98901; or by email to yrbwep@usbr.gov.

The draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is also available on the Bureau of Reclamation's Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/yrbwep/2011integratedplan/index.html>.

The public open house meetings will be held at:

- *Cle Elum*—Cle Elum Ranger District, Tom L. Craven Conference Room, 803 W. Second Street.
- *Ellensburg*—Hal Holmes Center, 209 N. Ruby Street.
- *Yakima*—Yakima Area Arboretum, 1401 Arboretum Way.

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the

draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is available for public review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Candace McKinley, (509) 575-5848, ext. 232; or email at CMckinley@usbr.gov. TTY users may dial 711 to obtain a toll-free TTY relay.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In 1979, Congress initiated the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) in response to long-standing water resource problems in the basin. The YRBWEP involves developing a plan to achieve four objectives: (1) Provide supplemental water for presently irrigated lands; (2) provide water for new lands within the Yakama Indian Reservation; (3) provide water for increased instream flows for aquatic life; and (4) identify a comprehensive approach for efficient management of basin water supplies.

Initial efforts in the mid-1980s (Phase 1) focused on improving fish passage by rebuilding fish ladders and constructing fish screens at existing diversions. Phase 2 in the 1990s focused on water conservation/water acquisition activities, tributary fish screens, and long-term management needs. Efforts under these initial phases were hindered by the ongoing uncertainties associated with adjudication of the basin surface waters that began in 1978. With the adjudication process now largely completed, most of the water right uncertainties have been addressed.

In 2003, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) initiated the Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study to examine storage augmentation in the Yakima River basin. This study emphasized evaluation of a proposed Black Rock Reservoir, which was the focus of the Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study Draft Planning Report/Environmental Impact Statement (PR/EIS) issued in January 2008.

The narrow focus of the legislative authorization in combination with comments on the Draft PR/EIS prompted Ecology to separate from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In mid-2008, Ecology initiated a separate evaluation of the Yakima basin's water supply problems, including consideration of habitat and fish passage needs. Reclamation continued the NEPA process consistent with its legislative authorization and issued the Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study Final PR/EIS in December 2008. Following issuance