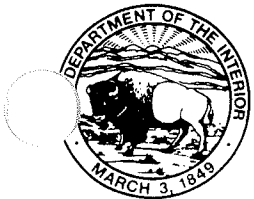


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To: Transition Work Group
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From: Bruce C. Moore
Chairman

Subject: Special Meeting

Recently a series of events occurred where the official hydrology forecast increased significantly and Reclamation had to move from a normal water condition to that of a flood control condition triggering a move to higher releases from the dam. Prior to moving to the high flows, a research flow of 8,000 cfs was planned. As research plans for the flows were being developed, it became apparent that the planned 8,000 cfs flows would possibly have a detrimental impact on the trout fishery below the dam. At that point, the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center and Reclamation decided not to risk impacting the trout and canceled the low flow. However, high releases driven by an inflow forecast to Lake Powell that is 171 percent of normal started on Tuesday February 18, 1997. This series of events indicated to us that Reclamation needed to prepare a white paper discussing how we operate during the months prior to spring runoffs and propose a process for future public involvement.

Reclamation also agreed to sponsor an information/training session on the requirements of membership to the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), a Federal Advisory Committee. The meeting is scheduled for March 25 at the La Quinta Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. The session on the white paper is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The session on the AMWG will be from 1-4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Moore at (801) 524-3702.

Bruce C. Moore