

AGENDA

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS for the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) for a FLATHEAD LAKE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN (DMP), MONTANA

KALISPELL and CHARLO, MONTANA

JULY 9 - 10, 2002
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Introductions **6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Meet the BIA/HDR Team (6:30-6:40 pm)

Jeffery Loman, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Washington, D.C.)

Jim Nelson, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Denver, CO)

Kimberly Owens, Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor (Washington, D.C.)

Dr. Donald Wilhite, National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE)

Dr. Richard Palmer, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

Dr. Amy Ollendorf, HDR's Flathead Lake Project Manager (Minneapolis, MN)

Michelle Bissonnette, HDR's NEPA Program Manager (Minneapolis, MN)

Allison MacEwan, HDR's DMP Project Manager (Seattle, WA)

John Henz, HDR's Hydroclimate Analyst (Denver, CO)

Update About the Flathead Lake Drought Management Plan (DMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process (6:40-6:50 pm)

Jeffery Loman

Synopsis of the National Environmental Policy Act (6:50-7:00 pm)

Kimberly Owens

Presentations Concerning Drought and Climatic Prediction (7:00-7:30 pm)

Dr. Donald Wilhite (7:00-7:15 pm) - planning and monitoring

Dr. Richard Palmer (7:15-7:30 pm) - forecasting

Comments, Questions and Answers **7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Jeffery Loman, Moderator

All issues discussed during this hour will be compiled by the Moderator and will be considered during preparation of the EIS. Please note that you will have an opportunity to submit written comments in the last hour of tonight's meeting. In addition, as stated in the Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2002 and in the local media, you have the opportunity to submit written comments on this scoping phase through July 26, 2002. There will also be additional comment opportunities throughout the EIS process.

Exhibits and Comment Forms **8:30 - 9:30 pm**

Stations are set-up around the meeting room so that you can meet and provide your input one-on-one with members of the BIA/HDR Team. Station topics are listed below with team members:

Natural, Human and Economic Environment (Ollendorf)

Background and Overview (Loman and Owens)

Development Process (Bissonnette and MacEwan)

GDSC Demonstration (Nelson)

Potential Range of Alternatives (Wilhite and Seaman)

Triggers, Monitoring and Forecasting Tools (Palmer and Henz)

Please fill out a comment form at each station and leave your completed form with the station's team member(s).

Thank you for your input.