

Environmental Review Process

Bureau of Indian Affairs



Environmental Impact Statement for a Flathead Lake Drought Management Plan

Phase I - Scoping Process

- ❖ Conduct Public and Agency Scoping Meetings
- ❖ Evaluate Flathead Lake and Hungry Horse Operations Data
- ❖ Collect and Review Hydroclimate Data
- ❖ Identify Range of Potential Alternatives and Triggers

Process Complete

Phase 2 – Prepare Draft EIS

- ❖ Introduction – Purpose and Need for Project
- ❖ Presentation of Proposed Action and Alternatives
- ❖ Discussion of Affected Environment
- ❖ Evaluation of Environmental Impacts for Each Alternative
- ❖ Presentation of Supporting Documentation

Process In Progress – Tentative Distribution of Draft EIS in Winter 2005-2006

Begin Phase 3 – Public Review and Comment Period

- ❖ Public Hearings
- ❖ Written Responses to Comments

Anticipated Public Hearings in Winter/Spring 2006

Phase 3 – Distribute Final EIS

Anticipated Spring 2006

End of Phase 3 – Record of Decision

Anticipated Spring 2006