

<b>Yellowstone Compact</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 5706-24-11
		<b>Division:</b> Water Resources
		<b>Program:</b>
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department Of Natural Resources and Conservation	
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**Program or Project Description:**

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 30, 2010
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	86,000	16,702			
State Special					
Federal Funds					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$86,000</b>	<b>\$16,702</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Goal(s):**

To coordinate technical work on behalf of the State of Montana associated with litigation in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on the interpretation and administration of the Yellowstone Compact.

**Performance Measures :**

1. Hire a surface water hydrologist.
2. Provide needed technical assistance to the Attorney General and staff.
3. Develop the technical data on historical irrigation and depletions in Montana and Wyoming as of 1950 and compare with today's level of irrigation and consumptive uses in both states.
4. Develop appropriate monitoring systems for Montana/Wyoming watersheds.
5. Develop hydrologic water accounting models for both the Powder and Tongue River systems dealing with water supplies and historical and contemporary uses.
6. Complete needed field work to calibrate the hydrologic models.
7. Share information with Wyoming to develop common and agreed upon data base.
8. Begin helping basin water users improve basin-wide water management and the reduction of water shortages.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
Performance Measure 1 - Surface Water Hydrologist was hired Oct 2007		7-Oct
Performance Measure 2 - Technical assistance started in 2007 and is an ongoing activity.	Ongoing	
Performance Measure 3 - Technical data collection on historical irrigation and depletion was initiated in spring 2008; draft estimates have been prepared and are currently being refined in cooperation with Attorney General's technical experts		Spring 2010
Performance Measure 4 - Monitoring system developed and implemented in 2007. Monitoring is ongoing.	Ongoing	
Performance Measure 5 & 6 - Ongoing work performed in cooperation with AG's technical experts.	Ongoing	
Performance Measure 7 - WY and MT have reached a mutual agreement not share information. Performance Measure 8 - Ongoing work performed in cooperation with Tongue and Powder River water users.	Ongoing	

**Performance Report:**

- Coordinate technical work on behalf of the State of Montana associated with litigation in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on the interpretation and administration of the Yellowstone Compact. 1.  
 Surface water hydrologist will be eliminated as part of 4% permanent personal services reduction.
2. Provide needed technical assistance to the Attorney General and staff.
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  4. Develop appropriate monitoring systems for Montana/Wyoming watersheds.
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**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: Needs Further Review

Data Relevance – The agency reports only open ended statements of activities, it does not indicate anything has been accomplished. The reader cannot distinguish if any activity has been completed or will be completed any time soon.

Appropriation Status: Provided and accurate.

Comments: The agency notes that the surface water hydrologist “will be” eliminated as part of the 4 percent personal services reduction. This reduction is a budgetary reduction requested by the executive as part of the executive planning process for the 2013 biennium. The actual decision to direct this funding direction to the Water Division is that of the legislature.

Options :

- 1) Request the department provide actual performance data and continue to monitor
- 2) Dismiss

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Change Description
Added LFD Narrative