

Yellowstone Compact		Agency/Program #: 5706-24-I1
		Division: Water
		Program:
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Program or Project Description:

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of June 30, 2009
Fund Name:	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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
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Performance Report:

Performance Measure 1 - Surface Water Hydrologist was hired Oct 2007

Performance Measure 2 - Technical assistance started in 2007 and is an ongoing activity.

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

Performance Measure 4 - Monitoring system developed and implemented in 2007. Monitoring is ongoing.

Performance Measure 5 & 6 - Ongoing work performed in cooperation with AG's technical experts.

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.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment- On Track

Data Relevance: The data provided addresses the performance measures

Appropriation Status: The department did not provide the expenditure data.

Comments: The agency did fulfill provide an update to performance measures/milestones, this report does not give any indication of progress on resolving the issues with the Yellowstone Compact.

Options: 1). Request missing appropriation and expenditure data, and close or 2) Request missing data and continue monitoring through the 2011 biennium.



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Change Description
Added LFD Narrative, inserted goal
Workgroup Update
Workgroup Update





