

Water Resources Division		Agency/Program #: 5706-24-G1
		Division: _____
		Program: _____
Agency Name:	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
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Program or Project Description:

Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Goal(s):

Protect Montana's Water from External Threats through International and Multi-State Compacts.

- Performance Measures :**
1. Work to achieve greater equity in the apportionment of the St. Mary / Milk River System allocated under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and the 1921 Order of the International Joint Commission.
 2. Work to protect the water quality in North Fork of the Flathead River.
 3. Seek an allocation of Hungry Horse water to assure a future water supply for Western Montana communities and residents.
 4. Participate in multi-state organization focused on the management of the Missouri River system.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Performance Report:

See attached report from OBPP

LFD Narrative:**EXECUTIVE CHANGES:**

- Changes to goals/initiatives: No.
- Change to performance measures: Yes, some of the detailed sub points were removed.

LFD ASSESSMENT:

- Goal is measureable within the biennium: No. The goal is a broad based statement and the performance measures lack viable targets.
- Progress towards Goal: Warning. The narrative provides a detail of the activities that have occurred, but it does not specifically tie the information back to the performance measures

APPROPRIATION ISSUES:

- Appropriation/Expenditures provided: No
- Other appropriation issues: No

OPTIONS:

The legislature may wish to request the performance measures be improved by adding timelines/targets.



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Change Description
LFD Narrative added



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Goals/Objectives

Agency Contact: John Tubbs | **Phone Number:** 444-6605 |
Agency Name: Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation |
Division: Water Resources |
Program (identify and briefly describe): The Water Resources Division is responsible for promoting and coordinating the beneficial use, conservation, protection and development of Montana's water resources. The Water Resources Division carries out its duties for the purpose of promoting the general welfare and economic and social prosperity of the people of Montana. Sound coordination of the development and utilization of the state's waters allows the Water Resources Division to protect existing uses and to promote adequate future supplies for domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreation, the conservation of water for wildlife, aquatic life and other beneficial uses. |

List a single goal and brief description:

Protect Montana's Water from External Threats through International and Multi-State Compacts |

Describe the performance measures related to this goal:

- Work to achieve greater equity in the apportionment of the St. Mary / Milk River System.
- Appoint representative to the International Task Force Committee (IJC) and assist in the creation of an International watershed effort.
- Work to protect the water quality in North Fork of the Flathead River.
- Hold a Large Lake Conference in the basin.
- Develop Montana / US comments to British Columbia's (BC) environmental review process.
- Develop and implement a water quality monitoring program and baseline assessment for the trans-boundary Flathead in Montana and B.C.
- Seek an allocation of Hungry Horse water to assure a future water supply for Western Montana.
- Work with the Clark Fork Task Force to hold a conference focused on future water needs of the basin.
- Participate in multi-state organization focused on the management of the Missouri River system.
- Keep Congressional Delegation informed of the status of Army Corps Missouri River management issues that could impact Montana. |

List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:

- Pursue the IJC proposal for resolving water allocation issues with Alberta.
- Negotiate an MOU between Alberta and Montana that supports cooperative management.
 - Organize a trans-boundary forum of the Crown of the Continent Managers Partnership that focuses on trans-boundary wildlife and fish species.
- Hold a Large Lake Conference in the Flathead River Basin and implement these tools in the Flathead Basin.
 - Meet with British Petroleum (BP) officials and professionals in Calgary.

- Hold a Summit involving the governor and premier and top B.C. and MT government officials to define options for resolving differences.
- Submit timely comments on the proposed Cline mine, BP's Coal Bed Methane (CBM) proposal and other mining proposals in the BC Flathead.
- Generate an estimate of future water demand in the Clark Fork Basin.
- On behalf of Montana, submit comments each November on the Annual Operation Plan for the Missouri River Basin to the Corps of Engineers. |

Describe the current status of the measurements related to the goal:

- Drafted a letter for the Governor that was sent to the IJC in support of its proposal for cost- share arrangements and appointed representative to the International Task Force Committee.
- The MT/Alberta MOU was signed Oct 29, 2007 and implementation of the MOU is beginning.
 - Continue discussions with the Crown Manager's Partnership on the Spring Forum.
- A large lakes conference was held Oct. 2007. Over 175 people attended.
 - Held a meeting in October with British Petroleum in Calgary.
 - A Summit is proposed for early 2008 to define options for resolving differences in the trans-boundary Flathead.
 - Continue to submit timely comments on the proposed Cline mine, BP's CBM proposal, a new phosphate mine proposal and other mining proposals in the BC Flathead (as needed).
- Discussions are on-going to define future water needs in the basins in the spring of 2008.
- Montana submitted oral testimony at the Corps public meeting in Glasgow in Oct 2007 on the 2008 Annual Operating Plan for the Missouri River system and is preparing written comments that will be submitted in November 2007. |