

**Dolores River Dialogue
Hydrology Committee Notes
Held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at DWCD Office**

Attending: Peter Mueller, Jim Fisher, Don Schwindt, Logan Gafford, Shauna Jensen, Ann Oliver, Dale Smith, Meghan Maloney, Chris Burkett, Matt Clark, Don Magnuson, Kristina Wynne, Jeff Clark, Nathan Fey & Ken Curtis

Potential New SNOTEL Site: Update funding plans, still looking for partners including rafters. TU was first in for \$500.

Goals: Handed out DRD Goals being reviewed by Steering and Science Committees. Some background was given by present Steering Comm. members including hydrologic constraints, state law, DP contracts & nature. They are in process and will change. Hydrology Comm. should review Pg 6 Flow Hypothesis and participate in helping DRD work on these hydrologic issues. Review other goals pertaining to Hydrology Comm. Interaction with larger DRD group & process.

2011 Forecast & Spill Operations: Review CRBFC snow data and forecasts that drive the McPhee Operating Plan. Encourage all to attend Vern's BOR Spill Comm. on March 2, 2011 to go over current 2011 details. Review & discussion of a letter from an interested rafter sent to Marsha, forwarded to Spill Comm. Reviewed McPhee historical releases to show changes over time.

DRD Opportunities Report: Ann reviewed background and reasons for Hydrology Comm. to review. Please return written comments to Ann by March 22. All DRD interests are invited to 1:00PM April 5 Science Comm. to review in person. The report is based around DRD science efforts on the Dolores and CDOW fish data, has hydrologic implications and should have Hydro. Comm. input. The report may include a timeline (hand out) and has other background sections on history of the Dolores River that may provide context for future actions or studies.

Next Meeting Topics: DRD Goals (if necessary), Timeline, Continue review of 1996 BOR EA on DP downstream release from Flow to Pool. Longer term: 1978 EIS, 2000 Operating Agreement, Revisiting the DRD Hydrology Report Model.

Next Meeting:

April 5, 2011 1:00 PM joint meeting with Science Comm to review Opportunities Report.

May 3, 2011 1:00 PM regular Hydrology Comm. starting with topics listed above.