

AGENDA

UPPER SNAKE RIVER INSTREAM FLOW MEETINGS

AUGUST 11, 1988

9:00 - 12:00

I. ISSUE: The low water years of 1987 and 88 have once again identified the need for additional water to meet instream flow needs on the upper Snake.

II. CURRENT STATUS: Wyoming State Water Rights and Idaho State Water Rights legally allow the storage of all inflow to Jackson Lake and Palisades. The water users and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) have agreed that even on the worst water years, that a minimum of 100 cfs would be released from Jackson Lake Dam and 550 cfs from Palisades Dam. It is recognized that flows of this magnitude are basically survival flows.

The Bureau of Reclamation and the States of Idaho and Wyoming have entered into negotiations regarding the uncommitted space in Palisades to attempt to solve some of the instream flow requirements downstream from Jackson Lake Dam and Palisades Dam.

III. PURPOSE: To initiate actions and studies to:

a. Contract with the State of Wyoming for the 33,000 acre-ft of uncommitted space in Palisades Reservoir which is identified as Wyoming compact space; and

b. Contract with the State of Idaho for 19,480 acre-ft. of uncommitted

space in Palisades.

c. Initiate with a water user entity an exchange of their Jackson Lake Space for space which would yield an equivalent amount of water from Palisades Reservoir.

d. Initiate operational studies to identify the benefits obtained by such a transfer when the 52,480 acre-ft. of space then in Jackson Lake would be used to meet instream flow needs.