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REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING INSTREAM FLOW IN A SEGMENT OF THE CLARKS FORK YELLOWSTONE RIVER

WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1987

Summary

As required by W.S. 41-3-1004(a) the Wyoming Water Development Commission has completed a determination of the feasibility of providing 225 cubic feet per second (cfs) of unappropriated direct flows in a segment of the Clarks Fork River as requested by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The segment is defined as extending from the confluence of Sunlight Creek and the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River in the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 33 to the north boundary of the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 13, all in Township 56 North, Range 104 West, a stream length of approximately 5.85 miles as shown on Figure 1 on page 15. This report indicates that the requested flowrate of 225 cfs is available and feasible as direct flow for the months of April through October, on the average. However, for the months of November through March, the analysis indicates that less than 225 cfs are available as direct flow.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WG&F) is aware of this winter-time shortfall of direct flows, but has indicated that it is not in the state's interest to consider new storage facilities for the purpose of providing this particular instream flow request as allowed by W.S. 41-3-1005. In addition, there are no existing storage facilities to provide additional water required to meet the instream flow request. The WG&F has requested 225 cfs with the full knowledge that the entire requested flowrate will not normally be available from November through March of an average year.

Analysis

Analyses for this feasibility report included a monthly flow analysis and a daily flow duration analysis. The monthly flow analysis indicates that water is available for instream flow for all months during the driest year of record (1977) as well as all months of the average year. Figure 2 on page 16 and Figure 3 on page 17 graphically describe the available flows for the driest and average years for the top and bottom of the stream segment respectively. Available flows are lowest at the top of the segment in the month of September at 70 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the driest year and in the month of February at 142 cfs during an average year. Highest available flows occur at the bottom of the segment in June with 2208 and 3888 cfs for the driest and average years, respectively.

The water diversion assumptions used in the monthly flow analysis are:

1. All adjudicated and unadjudicated water right filings of record are assumed to be active. Diversions located above and within the Game and Fish segment of the Clarks Fork River are listed in Table 1 on pages 5, 6, and 7. Table 2 on pages 8 and 9 lists diversions on the mainstem of the Clarks Fork River located below the bottom of the segment but upstream of the state line. The diversions listed in Table 2 will not affect the availability of water in the designated segment. Tables 1 and 2 were derived from Table A-17 of the Level II Final Report on Project Analysis for the Big Horn Basin - Clarks Fork Project, April 1986 by Leonard Rice Consulting Water Engineers.

- Irrigation rights with priority dates before March 1, 1985 are accounted at twice the permitted and adjudicated amounts as allowed in the surplus flow water law (W.S. 41-4-318 through 324) and excess flow water law (W.S. 41-4-329 through 331).
- 3. Irrigation rights are assumed to be diverted from May through September only.
- 4. Non-irrigation uses are assumed to divert continuously.
- 5. Each water right filing with a domestic, stock or miscellaneous use that is associated with an irrigation use is assumed to divert all year at a rate of 25 gallons per minute (gpm) or .0557 cubic feet per second (cfs). Each water right filing for domestic, stock or miscellaneous uses that is not associated with an irrigation use is assumed to divert at the permitted amount.
- 6. Return flow was not considered since it is not guaranteed.
- 7. Reservoirs (primarily small stock reservoirs) were not considered since they will not impact study results.

Available monthly flows were computed as follows:

- 1. Determine average annual virgin flow by adding inflows on Table III-21 of Leonard Rice Engineer's Final Report on Project Analysis for the Big Horn Basin-Clarks Fork Level II dated April 1986. Virgin flows are defined as natural flows that are not depleted as a result of man-made diversions. The top of the Game and Fish segment corresponds with station 73800 and the bottom of the segment corresponds with station 83000 reflected in the model analysis by Leonard Rice Engineers. Using this method, average annual virgin flows at the top and bottom of the segment are 578,087 and 629,732 acre-feet respectively, based on records from 1930 through 1979.
- 2. Determine the driest year annual virgin flow from streamflow records from 1930 through 1979 of USGS gage 062075 Clarks Fork Yellowstone River near Belfry, Montana. Flow data from the driest year (1977) were compared to average year data for this gage and USGS gages 062055 and 062065 located in the upper basin. Driest year flows were found to be 58% of the average yearly flows or 335,290 and 365,245 acre-feet for the top and bottom of the segment, respectively.
- 3. Using data from gage 062070 Clarks Fork near Clark, Wyoming compute ratios of monthly mean to annual flows. These ratios are listed in Table 3 on page 10 and Table 4 on page 11. Although gage 062070 has records from 1919 to 1924 only, it was the closest gage to the segment

of interest and therefore is most representative of the monthly flow distribution in the segment.

- 4. Multiply the ratios times the long-term average year and dry year flows estimated in steps 1 and 2 to obtain monthly virgin flows.
- 5. Subtract water diversions resulting from valid adjudicated and unadjudicated water rights (Table 1) from the monthly virgin flows to obtain available monthly flows for the driest year and average year cases.

The resultant available average year monthly flows are listed in Table 3. Available dry year monthly flows are listed in Table 4. These values are conservatively low since many water rights, as a practical matter, are not fully used and since return flows would add water to the stream. These values represent conservatively low water flowrates that are both legally and hydrologically available based on streamflow records from 1930 through 1979.

In almost all months, the monthly flow at the top of the reach is approximately 10% less than the flow at the bottom of the reach. Because the monthly flowrates at the two ends are close, the daily flow portion of the analysis addresses only the flowrates at the bottom (downstream end point) of the segment.

In a memorandum dated December 4, 1986, Tom Annear of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department advised that the WG&F is requesting an instream flowrate of 225 cfs all year long. He further explained that the months of July, August, and September are the growing season months for determining biological needs of fish and that the requested flowrate should exist at least 50 percent of the time during these months. To analyze the feasibility of providing instream flows to meet this criteria, daily flow duration information was obtained for gaging station 062075 Clarks Fork Yellowstone River near Belfry, Montana for this three month period. Although this gaging station is located approximately 25 miles downstream of the bottom of the segment, this station was chosen for its long period of record of 1922 to the present. Because of the large distance between the gage and the bottom of the segment, it was necessary to make a correlation between the flow rates at the two points.

As listed in Table 5 on page 12, the average flows at the bottom of the segment are equal to 80.91% and 88.45% of the gaging station flows for the two month-groups. For the period of July through September, the corresponding gage flow is 278 cfs. For the period of October through June, the corresponding gage flow is 254 cfs.

Interpolation in Table 6 on page 13 shows that the July through September corresponding gage flow of 278 cfs was equalled or exceeded 80 percent of the days of these months during the period of record. Similarly, interpolation in Table 7 on page 14 shows that the October through June corresponding gage flow of 254 cfs was equalled or exceeded 58 percent of

the days of these months during the period of record. The flowrate and percent exceedence information listed in Tables 6 and 7 is graphically shown in Figures 4 (page 18) and 5 (page 19), respectively.

Assuming that the corresponding gage flow (from July 1 through September 30) of 278 cfs is indicative of 225 cfs flowing at the bottom of the instream flow segment, then the requested 225 cfs can also be expected to be equalled or exceeded about 80 percent of the days of those three months. This percent exceedence meets the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's goal of 50 percent exceedence during this group of months.

Conclusions

Based on the average available monthly flows, the instream flow request of 225 cfs can be met from natural flow from April through October. Based on the daily flow duration analysis, adequate natural flows are available to meet the WG&F criteria of 50 percent exceedence from July 1 through September 30. However, the applicant for the instream flow water right should not expect to see an average monthly flow of 225 cfs during the months of November through March. The feasibility of providing a storage facility to supply the missing winter flows was not investigated.

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TABLE 1 - Water Rights Above the Bottom of the Game and Fish Segment of Clark's Fork River

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TABLE 2 - Water Rights on Mainstem of

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TABLE 2 - Water Rights on Mainstem of Clarks Fork River Below the Bottom of the Game and Fish Segment of Clarks Fork River Updated 8/01/86

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Total 254.7576

Key to Uses: 1 = Irrigation D = Domestic K = Miscellaneous S = Stock F = Fish Ind = Industrial Dil = Dil

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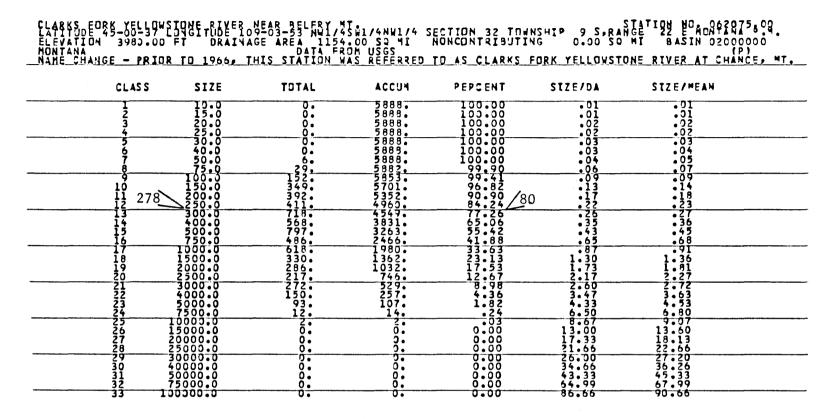
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TABLE 5

PERCENT OF TIME THE REQUESTED INSTREAM FLOWRATE OF 225 CFS WAS EQUALLED OR EXCEEDED BY MONTH-GROUP

MONTH	GAGE 062075 CLARKS FORK YELLOWSTONE NEAR BELFRY, MT	AVAILABLE FLOW (MEAN MONTHLY) AT BOTTOM OF	BOTTOM OF SEGMENT FLOW AS PERCENT OF FLOW AT	CORRESPONDING FLOW AT GAGE 062075 IF FLOW AT BOTTOM	PERCENT OF TIME THE CORRESPONDING FLOW AT THE GAGE WAS EQUALLED OR
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	(1922 - 1984)	SEGMENT IN CFS	BY MONTH-GROUP	IS 225 CFS	MONTH-GROUP
		(footnote A)			(footnote B)
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Oct	298	252			
Nov	300	201			
Dec	263	169			
Jan	232	160			
Feb	224	155	88.45/	254	58
Mar	217	173			
April	408	285			
May	2000	1874			
June	4150	3888			
July	2320	1931			
Aug	651	522	80.91%	278	80
Sept	345	230			
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- A This column is from the last column of Table 3. Note that from November through March, the mean monthly available flows are less than the 225 cfs requested by the applicant for instream flows at the bottom of the segment.
- B These percentages were obtained by interpolation of data from flow duration tables (Tables 6 and 7) for gage 062075.



Each class size represents the lower limit of the flow range. Table 6. Daily flow duration statistics for the months of July through September during the period of 1922 through 1985. Gage 062075.

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(Wyoming Water Research Center DURCUR Program.)

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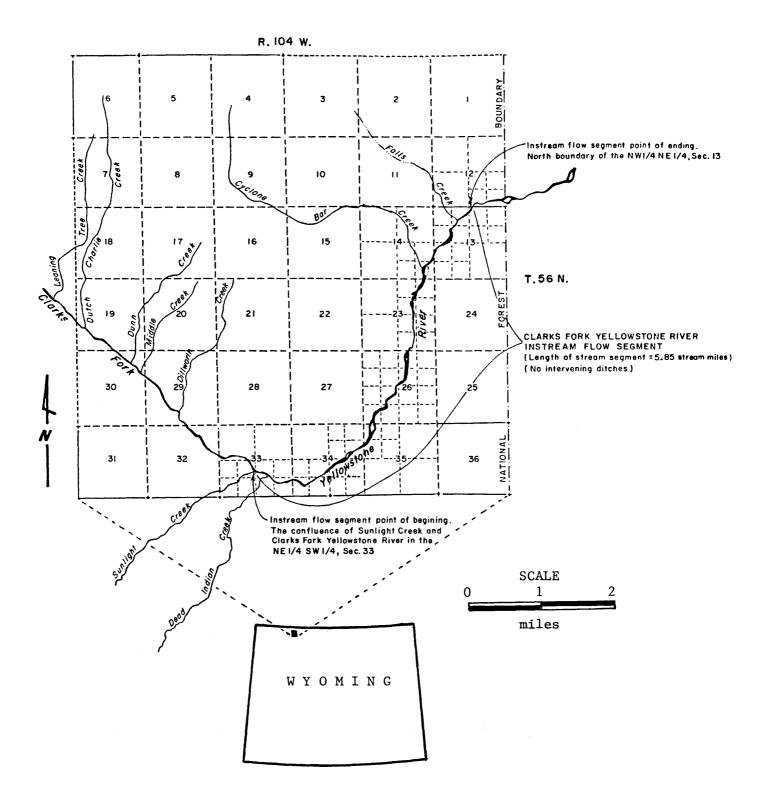


Figure 1. Location Map of Clarks Fork River Instream Flow Segment

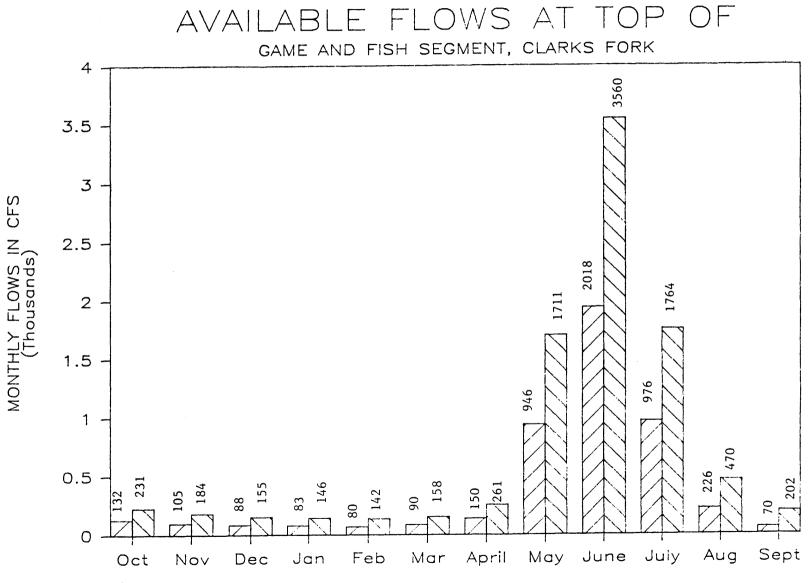


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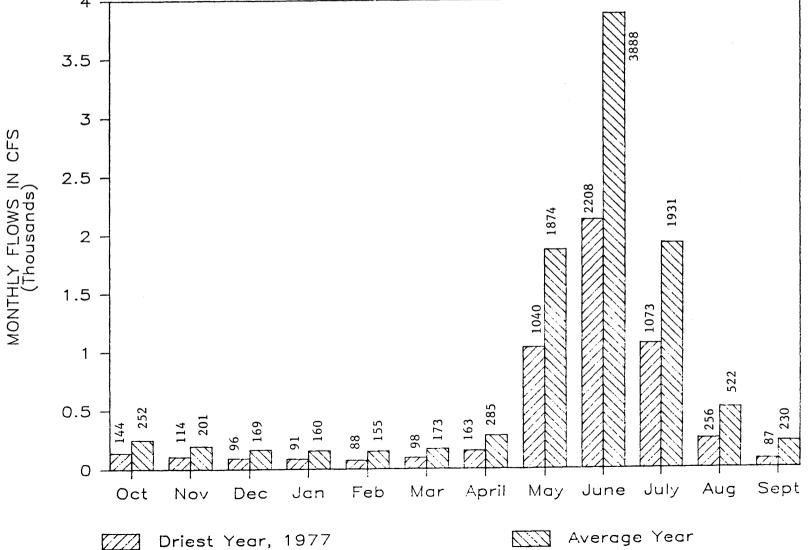
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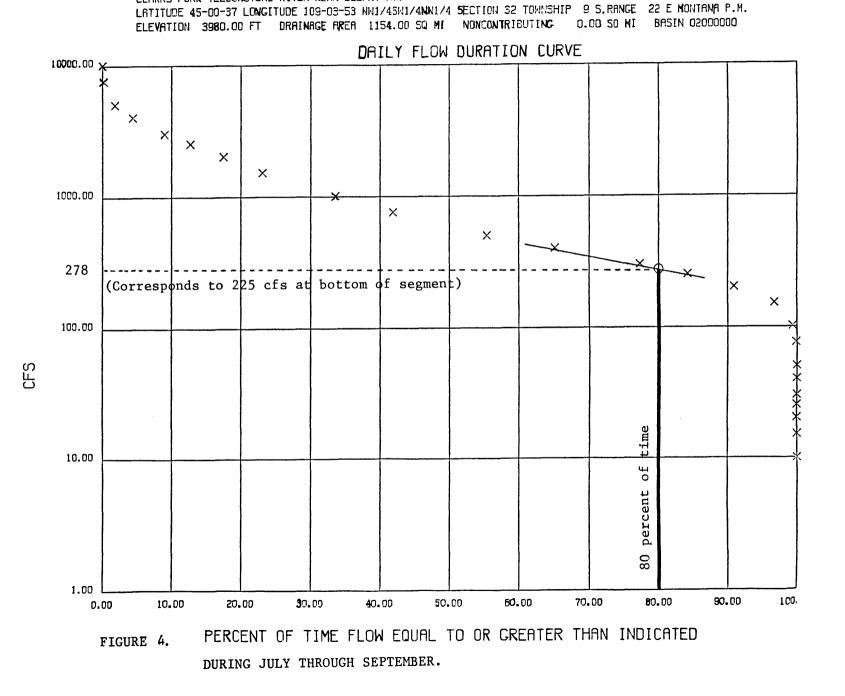
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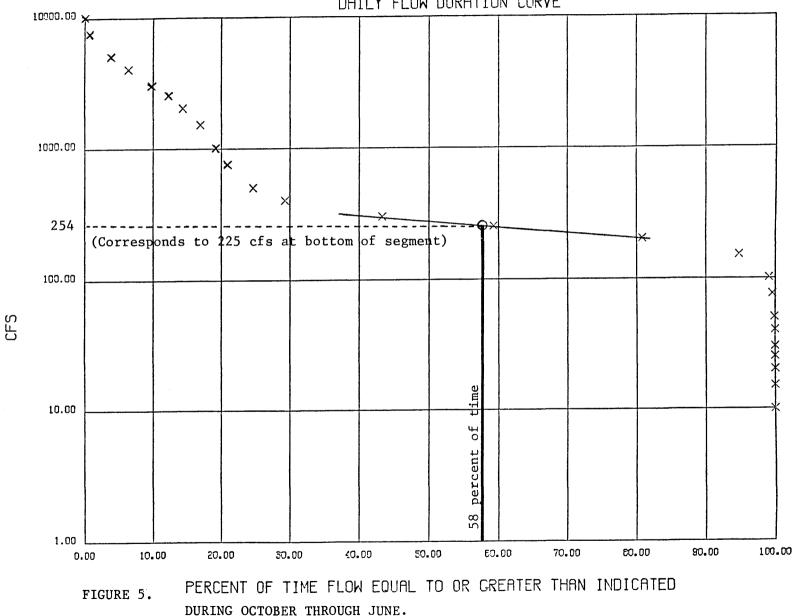




CLARKS FORK YELLOWSTONE RIVER NEAR BELFRY MT.

STATION NO. 062075.00

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DAILY FLOW DURATION CURVE

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APPENDIX



ED HERSCHLER GOVERNOR

Same and Fish Department

November 18, 1986

BILL MORRIS DIRECTOR

> Mr. Paul Schwieger Division of Water Development Economic Development and Stabilization Board Herschler Building Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. Schwieger:

Enclosed find the completed instream flow right application for a 5.85 mile segment of the Clark's Fork River in Park County. A direct flow right of 225 cfs is requested for the entire year to maintain existing fisheries.

In accordance with Enrolled Act 53 of the 1986 Legislature, the Division of Water Development within the Economic Development and Stabilization Board is responsible for filing instream flow right applications in the name of the State of Wyoming (41-3-1003(c)). Please contact us if you have questions concerning this filing request.

Copies of this letter and application are being provided to the Water Development Commission to satisfy our requirement to report flow requests to them (41-3-1003(b)).

Sincerely,

Maris Bill Morris

Director

BM/MS/kw

cc: Water Development Commission State Engineer Game and Fish Commissioners Fish Division

STATE OF WYOMING

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

_	APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE SURFACE WATER
	THIS SECTION IS NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT
:	Filing/Priority Date THE STATE OF WYOMING, SS. This instrument was received and filed for record on the day of, A.D.
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	PERMIT NO
I	NAME OF FACILITY <u>Clarks Fork Yellowstone River - INSTREAM FLOW</u> I. Name(s), mailing address and phone no. of applicant(s) is/are <u>Economic Development and Stablization</u> Board, Herschler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002
	(If more than one applicant. designate once, as Arms 'Trancis' Peters', Wyoming Game & Fish Depar Francis Peters', Wyoming, and Schwieger, Economic Development & Stablization Board Herschler Blgd., Cheyenne, Wyom, 3. (a) The use to which the water is to be applied is <u>Instream Flow</u> (b) If more than one beneficial use of water is applied for, the location and ownership of the point of use must be shown in item 10 of the application and the details of the facilities used to divert and convey the appropriation must be shown on the map in sufficient detail to allow the State Engineer to establish the amount of appropriation. In multiple use applications, stock and domestic purposes are limited to 0.056 cubic feet per second. 4. The source of the proposed appropriation is <u>Clarks Fork River</u> , <u>Trihutary of Yellowstone River</u>
ł	5. The <u>gran flow</u> segment extends from the confluence of Sunlight Creek and <u>from the clarks</u> Fort 5. The <u>gran social from the segment was set in the confluence of Sunlight Creek and from the set in the NE¹/₂SW¹/₂ concert of Section <u>33</u> T. <u>56</u> N. R. <u>104</u> W. wellows <u>N. Boundry of the NW¹/₂NE¹/₄ of Section <u>13</u> T. <u>56</u> N. R. <u>104</u> W. <u>wellows</u> (Length of stream approximately 5.85 miles)</u></u>
	6. Are any of the lands crossed by the proposed facility owned by the State or Federal Government? If so, describe lands and indicate whether State or Federally owned. <u>All of the lands crossed are Federal Lands (United States Forest Service)</u>
	7. The carrying capacity of the ditch, canal, pipeline or other facility at the point of dR383000 is225 cubic feet per second. (see remarks)
;	8. The accompanying map is prepared in accordance with the State Engineer's Manual of Regulations and Instructions for filing appli- cations and is hereby declared a part of this application. The State Engineer may require the filing of detailed construction plans.

Permit No.

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 Number of acres to receive original supply
 N/A

 Number of acres to receive supplemental supply
 N/A

Total number of acres to be irrigated

_N/A____

MONTH	LY	REMARKS
IN STREAM FLOW		Based on a study by the Wyoming Game and Fish
Requested	d *	Department contained in a 1983 completion report intitled
October	225 cfs.	"Evaluation of Instream Flow Methods for use in Wyoming,"
November	225 cfs.	the flow necessary to maintain the stream fishery in the
December	225 cfs.	<u>above - defined river segment is 225 cfs from October 1</u>
January	225 cfs.	to September 30 (see Table on the left)
February	225 cfs.	
March	225 cfs	Length of stream segment 5.85 miles
April	225 cfs.	
May	225 cfs.	Intervening ditches - none
June	225 cfs.	
July	225 cfs.	
August	225 cfs.	Location of instream flow control stream gage: None
September	225 cfs.	identified - if needed, will be installed near the North Bdy. NW&NE% Section 13, T. 56 N., R. 104 W.

Report of the Game and Fish Department on the fishery and flow need filed in State Engineer's Library under

Under penalties of perjury. I declare that I have examined this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

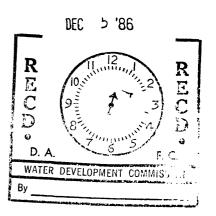
Signature of Applicant or Agent



ED HERSCHLER GOVERNOR

Same and Fish Department

BILL MORRIS DIRECTOR December 4, 1986



TO: Rebecca Mathisen

FROM: Tom Annear TO

SUBJECT: Instream Flow Feasibility Criteria

To help you make your analysis of the feasibility of our instream flow recommendation for the Clark's Fork as well as other future filings, I have prepared the following considerations and guidelines.

Methods we use for developing instream flow recommendations are founded on the principle that the production of fish, like any other crop, is greatest during the summertime. As a rule, flow conditions at this time of year are the factor which determine the upper limit of fish density in streams provided that flow conditions at other times of year provide habitat for normal levels of overwinter survival and spawning. The summer growing season for fish occurs after spring runoff and before freeze-up which is usually between July 1 and September 30. The instream flow methods are used to incrementally analyze the potential density of fish over a range of flows provided that the specified flow is available at some minimum frequency over time during the summer and provided that flows are continuous and adequate during the remainder of the year. As required by the enabling legislation, we have used these methods to determine the flows that will provide enough habitat to maintain or improve <u>existing</u> fisheries over time.

Unregulated rivers, as you are aware, generally show considerable variation in flow during specified seasons from year to year. For the Clark's Fork, we are fully aware that the recommended flow will not be available at all times during every summer. This is a natural condition to which the existing fishery has adapted over time. However, in order to maintain a given level of production, it is important that the instream flow be present in the identified reach on a defined minimum frequency during the summer. A study conducted by Roger Burton and Tom Wesche in 1974 for the Wyoming Water Resources Research Institute (Water Resources Series Number 52, Relationship of duration of flows and selected watershed parameters to the standing crop estimates of trout populations) showed that, for high quality Wyoming streams (Class I and II), stream flows exceed instream flow recommendations between 46 and 68 percent of the time from July 1 to September 30. Using these figures to establish a conservative guideline, we feel that stream flows in high quality streams should exceed the recommended instream flows at least 50 percent of the time during the above-defined summer period.

I obtained appropriate flow data for the period of record for the U.S.G.S. gage at Belfry and, by comparing it to the data which you generated for the instream flow reach, found that the average daily flow at the downstream end of the reach equalled 91.4 percent of the average daily flow at Belfry. On this basis, the recommended flow of 225 cfs is equivalent to a flow of 246 cfs at Belfry. This flow has been exceeded about 85 percent of the time between July 1 and September 30 over the period of record (1922 to 1984) which indicates that the recommendation exceeds the previously defined adequacy criteria.

For purposes of future filings, we suggest that your agency refer to the 50 percent exceedence criteria for the July 1 to September 30 time period for all streams which our agency classifies as Class I or II. For streams with less important fisheries such as Class III and IV, this exceedence level could be reduced to 40 percent.

As the data you prepared indicate, winter flows are almost always less than 225 cfs. This is a condition which we view as having little bearing on the feasibility of our recommendation. Many studies on streams in the western United States have shown that over half of all fish mortality (including angling mortality) occurs during the winter and is related to natural low flow conditions. Since conditions are already highly stressful in the winter, any decrease in natural winter flows would have a significant impact on the fishery. Our intent in recommending 225 cfs in the winter therefore is to protect all natural instream flows at this time up to this flow level. We have discussed this strategy with Frank Trelease and it is his opinion that this type of filing would cause no administrative problems since, as with any water right, if the righted water is not naturally available, the right is simply viewed as unfulfilled.

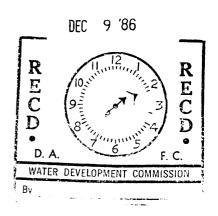
Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or comments on this material or on instream flow adequacy criteria in general.



ED HERSCHLER GOVERNOR

Same and Fish Department

BILL MORRIS DIRECTOR December 8, 1986



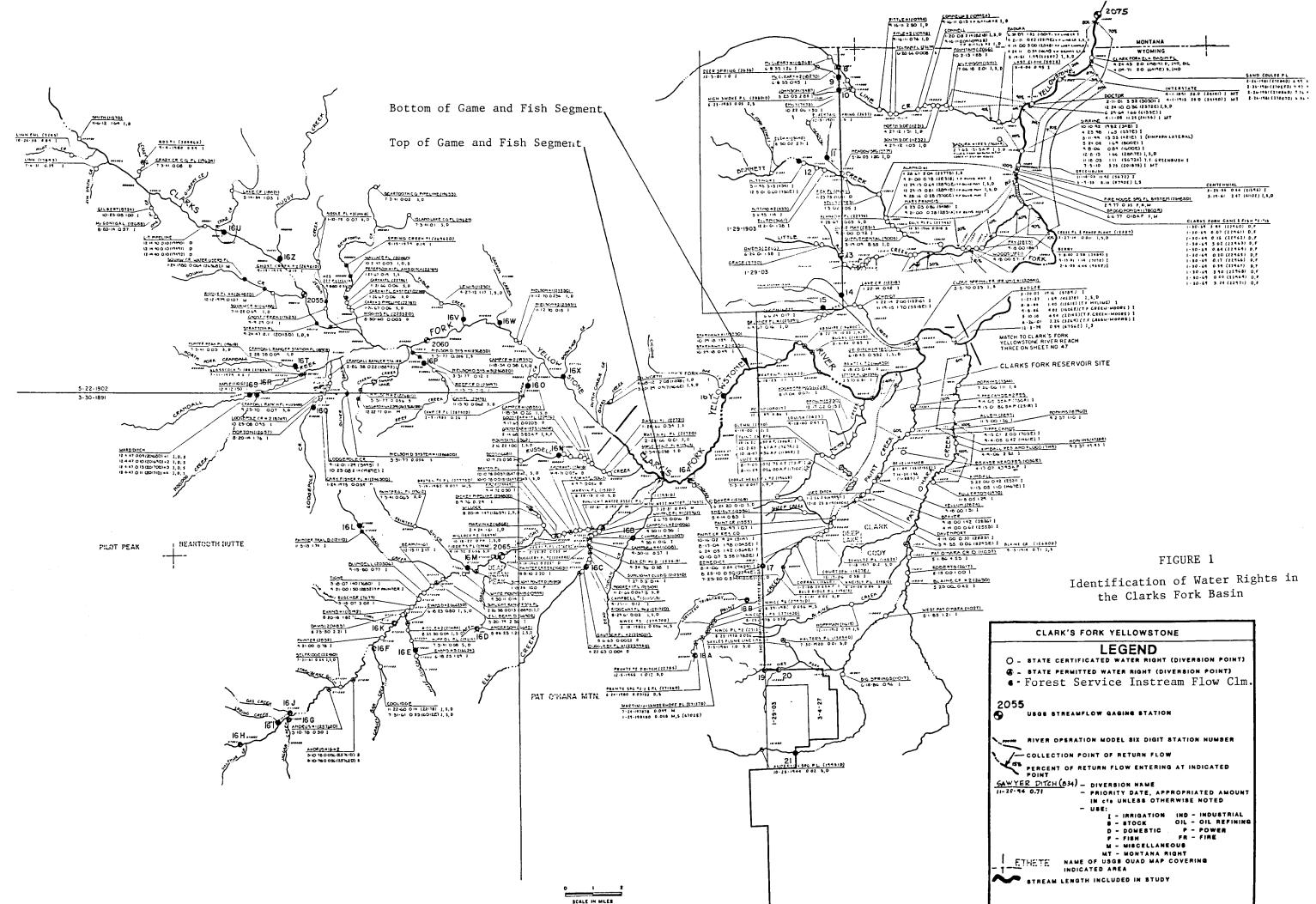
TO: Rebecca Mathisen

FROM: Tom Annear

SUBJECT: Clark's Fork Instream Flow

As per our conversation in your office last Friday, please be advised that we do not feel that storage is needed to maintain the fishery in the instream flow reach. As I pointed out in my letter to you dated December 4, 1986, the existing fishery has adapted to the natural winter flow regime and our intent in filing for what will probably be more than natural winter flows is to prevent the removal of any natural flows (up to 225 cfs) from the instream flow reach. We do not feel that a storage project for the sole purpose of supplementing winter instream flows is feasible or in the interest of the state.

As always, please call me if I can be of further assistance on instream flow-related questions.



CLARK'S FORK YELLOWSTONE
LEGEND
- STATE CERTIFICATED WATER RIGHT (DIVERSION POINT)
- STATE PERMITTED WATER RIGHT (DIVERSION POINT)
• Forest Service Instream Flow Clm.
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