



Big Hole Watershed Committee

Monthly Meeting Agenda
February 20, 2019 – 6:00pm
Divide Grange – Divide, Montana

Introductions

Meeting Minutes

Review of November 2018 Minutes

Reports

- Precipitation and Snowpack/Streamflow Report
- Director's Report
- Steering Committee Report
- Drought Management Plan Report
- Wildlife Report
- Restoration/Land Use Planning Report

Discussion

New Business

Meeting Topic: Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribe Water Compact

*Presentation by: Arne Wick
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Background: The CSKT-Montana Compact is the result of more than a decade of negotiations to resolve the Tribes' claims to reserved water rights within the State. Montana's 2015 Legislature ratified the Compact, and it is now awaiting congressional approval. The Compact will make new water available for commercial and irrigation use, end the water administration void on the Flathead Reservation, allow for economic development under conditions of legal certainty on and off the Reservation, and facilitate the completion of the statewide general stream adjudication. In addition, the Compact establishes a technical team with irrigator representation to implement irrigation project upgrades to protect historic irrigation use and meet Tribal in-stream flow targets.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- March 20, 2019, 7pm @ the Divide Grange – Divide, Montana. BHWC Monthly Meeting. Topic: TBA
- April 17, 2019, 7pm @ the Divide Grange – Divide, Montana. BHWC Monthly Meeting. Topic: Invasive Weeds in the Big Hole River Watershed

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