

Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project
Whitewater Resource Group
Conference Call – Annual Consultation
June 15, 2010

All participated via conference line:

PPL Montana – Jon Jourdonnais
PPL Montana – Lance Elias
PPL Montana – Frank Pickett
PPL Montana – Roscoe Kronfuss
USFS – Darin Watschke
USFS – Jeff Gildehaus
Josh Running for Lazy EL Ranch

MFWP – Ken Frazer
MDEQ – Randy Apfelbeck
American Whitewater – Kevin Colburn
Beartooth Paddlers – Ian McIntosh
American Lands – Bruce Bugbee
REC Resources – Jeff Frost
American Lands – Nancy Johnson

The call began at 10 AM. Nancy confirmed those participating and reviewed the agenda.

Lance Elias provided information on early June snowpack and lake levels, indicating that Mystic Lake was currently 20 feet from full pool and filling at the rate of 1/2 foot per day. The NRCS Fisher Creek Snotel site was showing 94 percent of average snowpack. Jon Jourdonnais reminded the group that runoff estimates served as a precursor to actual flows, and that monitoring the refill of Mystic Lake on the project website would show actual runoff volumes. Jon also indicated a low probability for whitewater releases this year.

Ian McIntosh stated that his recent check on Snotel data showed a snow/water equivalent at 96 percent, and questioned why the probability of a whitewater release was low if snowpack was close to average. Lance indicated that current percentages reported for the Upper Yellowstone basin were typical or average numbers for early June, and that with some runoff completed, snowpack levels would now be decreasing. Warmer days ahead would indicate how much snowpack actually remains to contribute to runoff. Lance emailed the Fisher Creek site information to the group.

Kevin Colburn requested an email be sent to the group with an update on refill of Mystic Lake. Jon Jourdonnais indicated that information on the likely range of lake elevation for potential spill could be sent to the group.

Roscoe Kronfuss stated that work on communication facilities at Mystic would occur in early July, potentially delaying information on lake elevation and refill. Frank Pickett noted that inflows would likely be low this year compared to other years, allowing for one or two potential releases on weekends based on the protocol.

Jeff Gildehaus recognized the recent work by PPL Montana to complete replacement of the upper footbridge on the Mystic Lake Trail.

Nancy asked the group for additional questions or discussion, and there were none. Nancy noted that the protocol for whitewater flow enhancements contained within the Mystic Whitewater Flow Plan would be posted on the Mystic website <http://www.mysticlakeproject.com/>

With no further discussion from group members, the call adjourned at 10:30.