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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Bruce Suzumoto

SUBJECT: Update on 2004 summer spill and river operations

Changes to summer spill operations for 2004 are still under discussion by the federal agencies. A regional executives' meeting to discuss the summer spill operations may be held in Clarkston, WA to coincide with the Council meeting. Staff will update the Council as more information becomes available.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently informed the Governor of Montana that changes to Libby and Hungry Horse reservoir operations as recommended by the Council's program probably could not be implemented in 2004 due to low water conditions. The issue may undergo further consideration in the NOAA regional forum process.

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