

COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL FORUM
Implementation Team

****NOTE CHANGE IN IT MEETING LOCATION BELOW****

Issue Elevated from TMT to IT

Issue: Shall the action agencies begin implementation of the Council's Mainstem Recommendations for Libby and Hungry Horse, as requested in Montana's SOR 2004 MT-2? Montana has proposed reducing lower Columbia River flows by approximately 4 Kcfs during the months of July and August, moving a portion of the Libby and Hungry Horse flow augmentation volumes designated by the BiOp for use during the summer season into September. Should this operation be implemented under the adaptive management provisions of the BiOp, and do the proposed research and resident fish benefits balance the potential risks (and benefits) to salmon in the lower river? Are there alternative sources of water that could offset the proposed reduction in lower river flow, given 2004 environmental and flow conditions?

TMT developed the above policy question on July 7, 2004. There will be an IT meeting on July 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the Custom House (Corps of Engineers, NPD Headquarters) located at 220 NW 8th, Portland, OR. Phone bridge is (503) 808-5190. The lines are limited to 24.

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