

Issues identified in the Wind/Bighorn Basin

Categories

Water Development/Economic

~~Tribal issues-~~

Water Storage/Hydropower

Municipal/domestic

CBNG discharge water

Current economic impact of all sectors

On-farm improvements and rehabilitation

Current uses/Future uses

~~Tribal issues-~~

Unappropriated water

Yellowstone River Compact issues

Discharge of CBNG water

Instream flow/non-consumptive uses

Marketing Buffalo Bill Water

Land use planning including planning for future growth of towns, adequate facilities, infrastructure

Projection of future shortages as it relates to current supplies

Industrial Surface Water Use

West Side Irrigation Project - New Use

Recreation

~~Tribal issues~~

Water Storage

Fishing and water sports

Tourism

Groundwater

~~Tribal issues~~

Maintaining and developing

Industrial use

inventory of groundwater resources and better modeling

Concerns over Thermopolis Big Springs Impacts

Agriculture

~~Tribal issues~~

Maintenance and improved efficiency/conservation

Water Storage

Unappropriated water

Federal project rules and regs

The Sugar beet acreages in the Cody, Powel, Emblem Bench, Lovel, and

Worland Area are penalized for not meeting their acreage quotas.

Environmental

General restoration of mainstem streams and riparian habitat

CBNG discharge water

ESA concerns

Impaired streams and lakes

Tribal Issues - might want to change to tribal concerns

sovereignty

policy issues

EPA - water quality standards, state status

cultural issues

ongoing litigation/negotiation

historic vs. future water awards

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