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Reclamation Announces Availability of Draft EA for Crow Tribe MR&I Water Supply Project

BILLINGS, Mont. – The Bureau of Reclamation has announced the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Crow Tribe Municipal, Rural, and Industrial (MR&I) Water Supply Project. The Crow Tribe, in cooperation with Reclamation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), prepared the Draft EA to evaluate the environmental consequences of constructing a water supply system in order to provide an adequate supply of quality potable water for municipal, rural, and industrial uses throughout the Crow Reservation.

The proposed project work is part of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010, which includes funding for the design, construction, and operation of a water supply system to collect, treat, and distribute water to users throughout the Reservation.

To view the Draft EA, please visit <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/nepa/cmri/index.html>. Hard copies of the EA are available for viewing at the following locations:

Bureau of Reclamation
Great Plains Regional Office
Fifth floor, Room 510
2021 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Crow Agency Office
69 Weaver Drive
Building #2
Crow Agency, MT 59022

Crow Tribe Water Resources Department
316 Araopush Road
Crow Agency, MT 59022



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Comments may be submitted through the project website, or via mail or email to:

Bureau of Reclamation
Attn: Crow MR&I Water Projects (GP-4000, CGomer)
2021 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101

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Comments on the Draft EA will be accepted until midnight on Friday, July 22nd, 2016.

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