

SPECIAL REPORT March 5, 2002

Jan Curtis, Water Resources Data Systems (WRDS) Coordinator and State Climatologist, is scheduled to provide the Water Forum with an update on WRDS' current events. This is an opportunity for Water Forum members to meet Mr. Curtis and learn more about WRDS and what a State Climatologist does.

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Mickey Steward, Coal bed Methane (CBM) Coordinator, presented a very informative overview of Wyoming's Coal Bed Methane production. Ms. Steward used slides to introduce CBM in Wyoming showing wells, compressor stations, as well as the impacts to the land. Ms. Steward works with all special interests, such as industry and ranchers, and is directly involved with all of their concerns. Among the concerns are compressor noise, dust from the highly traveled roads, environmental impacts, and the discharged water. There are differing opinions and concerns as to the impacts of the discharged water; water quality, and water quantity being major topics. Some questions such as - are there aquifer impacts, what land applications are acceptable or detrimental, and where should storage be located, among others, are many of the debated topics that Ms. Steward works to understand in order to help resolve issues between parties. For further information visit <http://www.cbmcc.vcn.com/>

SEO REPORT

Chace Tavelli reported the following State Engineer's Office obligations as well as the upcoming Basin Advisory Group (BAG) meetings:

- SEO sponsored Legislative Breakfast
 - Date / time / location Wed. Feb. 13-----6:30 a.m.-----Hitching post
 - Opportunity to meet the new State Engineer and receive an update on current water issues.
- BAG meetings----- Wind/Bighorn----- Snake/Salt
 - W/BH-----2/12/2002-----Dubois-----Headwaters Arts & Conference Center
 - Topics
 - Gis mapping activities-----BRS engineering
 - Economic Development in Basin-----Roger Bower, WBC
 - Town of Dubois Issues-----Mayor Bob Baker
 - Upper Wind River Compact Watershed Group
 - TMDL/s & effects on watershed planning-----Chuck Harnish, DEQ
 - S/S-----2/13/2002-----Thayne-----Thayne Senior Center
 - Topics
 - Same as above
 - in addition-----municipal water use-----Sunrise engineering