

SPECIAL REPORT April 2, 2002

John Lawson of the United States Bureau of Reclamation will discuss runoff forecasts and operations for the coming year. Mr. Lawson will have a lot of information that is very important to all of us. Please plan on attending.

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Jan Curtis, Water Resources Data Systems (WRDS) Coordinator and State Climatologist, gave us a tour of the WRDS website. There are many links to federal and state agencies' websites where valuable water-resources data are available. Mr. Curtis pointed out the addition of the State Climatologist site accessible via the WRDS home page, and the extensive data links available through the Climatologist home page. The WRDS web page includes archived reports, theses, and video of various presentations, et al., and a search engine to quickly find pertinent information relative to a specific data need. By accessing the WRDS website a person can get to almost any piece of information available on the Web.

Mr. Curtis then discussed the drought triggers he pioneered to be included in Wyoming's Drought Plan, submitted to the Governor. It is apparent that developing the triggers was a very difficult task and Mr. Curtis should be applauded for his efforts. Please see the Drought Plan for further information. The Governor's Drought Management Task Force is having a meeting March 19, 2002 in the Hathaway Building basement auditorium here in Cheyenne. Mr. Curtis will elaborate on the triggers and provide some recommendations for some counties.

SEO REPORT

Chace Tavelli reported the continual data gathering for the Water Plan's consultants, the final Bear River Basin Water Plan's completion, and the upcoming Interim Basin Advisory Group (IBAG) meetings:

- Interim Basin Advisory Group (IBAG) meetings
 - Bear IBAG-----3/18/02-----Cokeville, WY
 - Green IBAG-----3/19/02-----Lyman, WY
 - Powder/Tongue IBAG-----3/20/02-----Buffalo, WY
 - Northeast IBAG-----3/21/02-----Newcastle, WY