

To: LaGrange area water users and their representatives:

Beginning in late November, 2016, the State Engineer's Office (SEO) has been reviewing the effects of the first three years of operation under the Horse Creek Basin Order. A summary of that information was presented at the February 15, 2017 hearing in La Grange, Wyoming. Comments from area water users relative to the Order's corrective controls were accepted at the hearing, and for 30 days following the hearing (through March 20, 2017). The SEO appreciates both the time and effort area water users spent in preparing and submitting comments.

I am currently analyzing those comments, in addition to information collected by the SEO, to determine whether or not the terms of the existing Order shall continue to apply, or whether it should be modified or terminated. I do not anticipate issuing a new or modified order by April 1, 2017. However, at this time it appears I may issue a new or modified order before the end of May, 2017. Until a new or modified order is issued, the terms of the existing Order continue in force.

Issuance of a new or modified order will be noticed on the SEO website <https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/seo/>, and will be sent to those who provided the SEO with email addresses at the hearing.

I also encourage interested parties to sign up for SEO's email updates: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WYSEO/subscribers/qualify?email=Enter+email+address&commit=Get+Updates>.

The Order may also be replaced by an operating agreement entered into by all parties subject to the Order, and approved by me as provided by Wyoming Statute § 41-3-915(c).

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to call either Brian Pugsley (Superintendent, Water Division 1) at (307) 532-2248, or Lisa Lindemann (Administrator, Ground Water Division) at (307) 777-5063.

Sincerely

Patrick T. Tyrrell, State Engineer