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Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter we recently received from the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources for the State of Utah concerning the Provo River minimum stream flows. You will note in the letter, that on March 19, 1993, the District increased the minimum flows between Deer Creek Reservoir and the Olmsted Flowline from 85 cfs to 100 cfs.

Sincerely yours,

Don A. Christiansen

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General Manager

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March 19, 1993

Mr. David Frandsen, Asst. Project Manager
 U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
 Utah Projects Office
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Subject: Provo River Minimum Streamflows; Deer Creek-Strawberry Exchange

Dear Mr. Frandsen:

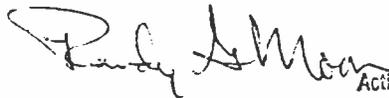
The Deer Creek-Strawberry Exchange Memorandum of Understanding for minimum streamflows on Provo River and the attendant Categorical Exclusion (UC-CE-89-328) states:

"8. In the event the minimum flow begins at 85 cfs and thereafter during the non-irrigation season Reclamation and CUWCD jointly determine that Deer Creek Reservoir will probably fill, the minimum flow then will be increased to 100 cfs at the joint direction of Reclamation and CUWCD after consultation with SLCWCD and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and will continue at a minimum of 100 cfs during the remaining non-irrigation season."

The Division of Wildlife Resources believes that sufficient data exists to warrant a conclusion that Deer Creek Reservoir will probably fill in 1993, and adjustment of the minimum flow to 100 cfs is warranted and appropriate. Our first priority at this late date in the winter would be to preclude going to 100 cfs and store the increment of water for release later during the summer to alleviate low flow conditions on the lower Provo River. Because we are fortunate enough to have received above average snowpack, we are told that saving the water is not feasible, because it will "spill out" of Deer Creek Reservoir when it fills this spring. We therefore concur with your decision to increase the flow to 100 cfs at noon on March 19, for the remainder of the non-irrigation season.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our position on this matter.

Sincerely,


 Acting Director

Timothy H. Provan
 Director

cc: Central Utah Water Conservancy District
 Regional Director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
 U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service