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Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation

Response to ISRP Preliminary Review FY-03 Proposals (ISRP 2002-02)

Describe enforcement procedures that are adequate for protecting past investments.

Enforcement that is in place to protect BPA's past investments include: monitoring of the fences by Tribal Game wardens, monitoring of the area by staff during routine monitoring of the lake (peizometers, fishery surveys, water quality surveys), inspection of fences monthly by Tribal staff. The fences are monitored monthly by staff and any cuts or broken fence is repaired, gates are closed and locked, and photos taken of any signs of trespass.

During 1999 and early 2000 we had some problems with ranchers cutting fences and stock being allowed in the enclosed area. However, through education and public meetings on the DVIR, we have seen a decrease (by 75%) in the number of cut fences and very few numbers of stock have been observed inside the enclosure during 2001. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes are also currently advertising (posted March 2002) for two conservation officers that will help protect this investment as well as other investments made by BPA and the Tribes on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Provide assurance that lake levels will be maintained at elevation levels needed to support riparian plantings.

Currently Tribal Fish and Wildlife Administration is developing an MOU with the DVIR irrigation to ensure adequate water is available to keep lake levels at appropriate levels to protect riparian plantings. This MOU will be in the form of a Tribal Resolution and will in effect be a Tribal Law.

REFERENCES