

response was forthcoming.

Pursuant to a discussion at the meeting of the RWRCC on June 26, 1991, the newly-elected Chairman of the Commission again wrote to Blackfeet Chairman Old Person (see attached letter of July 3, 1991) urging the Tribe to reconsider its cession of negotiations. No response has been received to date.

TECHNICAL WORK IN PROGRESS:

Preliminary data has been entered into the RWRCC's Geographic Information System. Hydrologic analyses of water availability, and historical/legal research will be made available to the Attorney General's office for litigation purposes if requested.

TRIBE: Chippewa-Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

The Commission was informed that the Chippewa-Cree anticipated submitting a proposal to quantify their reserved water right claims last year. To date we have not received a proposal. Representatives of the Chippewa-Cree continue to meet with the other Tribes in the Milk River basin to develop a consensus on water quantification, management, and development issues.

TECHNICAL WORK IN PROGRESS:

The RWRCC technical staff is gathering background information on water availability and existing irrigation in the area and will soon start the analysis of the reservation's irrigation development potential.

See also Milk River Basin Advisory Committee

TRIBE: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

The Commission continues to maintain communications with the Confederated Tribes when pertinent issues arise.

TECHNICAL WORK IN PROGRESS:

The RWRCC is cooperating with the DNRC, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, and others in developing a Clark Fork Basin water model.

TRIBE: Crow

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

Representatives of the Crow Tribe attended legislative hearings on the Northern Cheyenne Tribe compact bill and voiced their opposition to the allocation of 30,000 AFY of Yellowtail water to the Northern Cheyenne. No formal contacts regarding negotiations from the Crow Tribe have been received by the Commission.

TRIBE: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

Additional legal research on reserved water rights and priority date was deemed necessary and is in progress. Reconnaissance level soils analysis is being performed. Once a new RWRCC negotiating team has been appointed, the negotiating team will meet to formalize staff recommendations and initiate contact with the Tribe.

AGENCY: National Park Service

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

There have not been any recent communications concerning negotiations between the National Park Service and the Commission because of the focus on the adjudication on the Milk River Basin and Northern Cheyenne negotiations.

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture for the United States Forest Service, the Range and Livestock Experiment Station, and the Sheep Experiment Station.

UPDATE: July 15, 1991

There have not been any recent communications between the United States Department of