

ROCKY BOY'S / NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECT NEWS

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Easement Acquisition for Core Pipeline to Commence Soon

by AE2S

A main component of the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System (Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS) is the Core Pipeline, which consists of approximately 54 miles of 36-inch pipe. The Core Pipeline will convey drinking water from a water treatment plant near Tiber Reservoir to the Rocky Boy's Reservation near Box Elder. Construction of the Core Pipeline will begin near Tiber Reservoir and continue moving eastward. Construction of Segments #1 and #2 (approximately 13 miles) will begin as soon as practical after the easement acquisition is completed and approved. Construction of these two segments is anticipated to begin in early 2010 and be completed in 2011.

Beginning in January of 2010, John (Chip) Miller, a Certified Professional Landman who resides in Shelby, will be preparing the easement documents

and contacting landowners along the entire 54-mile core pipeline corridor. Mr. Miller is employed by Kadrmas, Lee, and Jackson (KL&J) from Helena, and will begin easement negotiation at the west end of the project and work his way east. Mr. Miller will present a Core Transmission Main "Fact Sheet" that has been developed to answer questions that have been asked in earlier landowner meetings.

Additional project questions can be directed to Chip Miller at 406-434-2911, Julie Titchbourne (KL&J) at 406-329-4560, Tony Belcourt (CCCC) at 406-352-8000, and/or Deon Stockert (AE2S) at 406-268-0626.



Chip Miller

Box Elder, Middle Dry Fork, and Laredo Pipelines

by AE2S

The Box Elder, Middle Dry Fork, and Laredo Pipelines were the first official on-reservation projects of the Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS. The Box Elder Pipeline was a fast track project which consisted of 12 miles of 12-inch diameter PVC piping. The Middle Dry Fork and Laredo projects included one mile of 12-inch and 2 miles of 8-inch diameter PVC piping. The pipe and materials arrived in June 2009 and the bulk of the project was completed in November 2009, with pressure testing and final tie-in connections to be completed in the spring of 2010.

The Box Elder, Middle Dry Fork, and Laredo Pipelines will enhance the Tribal water system and have created many on-reservation jobs in the construction field.

Three on-reservation construction companies, Arrow Enterprises, Burns Construction, and Alex Wea-

selboy Construction, served as subcontractors for the projects. We interviewed representatives from these companies to discuss the project.



Ken Blatt

KEN BLATT: ARROW ENTERPRISES

Ken Blatt is the owner of Arrow Enterprises, which installed 23,455 feet of pipeline for this project. The project created 10 new jobs for his company.

How did the pipeline construction projects impact regional economics? On-reservation economics?

There was an extreme impact. The projects provided employment for 40 people. I bought an excavator and other subcontractors leased equipment. It put food on people's tables. Realistically,

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Chippewa Cree Construction Corporation/Core System Update

In 2009, the Core portion of the Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS Project has progressed at an amazing pace. Many projects have been started or are nearing completion, as shown below.

- Tiber Intake Caisson – 100% Complete
- Tiber Gabion Wall – 98% Complete
- Tiber Intake Earthwork – 98% Complete
- Tiber Intake Superstructure – 10% Complete
- Box Elder Pipeline (On-Reservation) – 100% Complete
- Middle Dry Fork (On-Reservation) – 100% Complete
- Laredo Phase I Pipeline (On-Reservation) – 100% Complete
- Core Pipeline Segment #1 – Design Complete, Pipe Procured, Construction to Begin in 2010
- Core Pipeline Segment #2 – Design Complete, Pipe Procurement Complete in 2009, with construction to Begin in 2010
- Water Treatment Plant – Access Road – 90% Complete
- Environmental Clearance for WTP – 100% Complete
- Environmental Clearance



- for Core Pipeline – 50% Complete
- Easements for Core Pipeline – 10% Complete
- Box Elder & Middle Dry Fork SCADA (On-Reservation) – 50% Complete

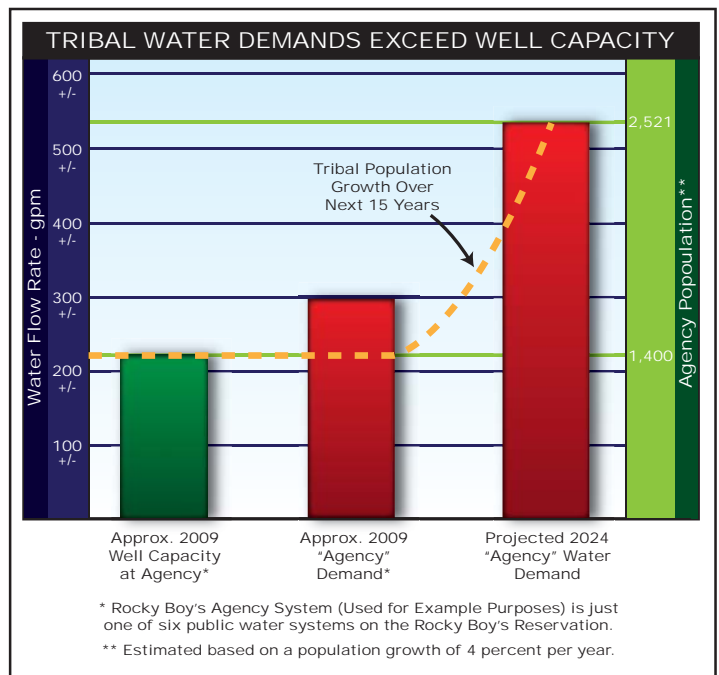
With continued funding in 2010, along with continued hard work from the Project Team, the Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS Project is moving closer to the final goal of getting water to all the members of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and members of the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority.

Need for Continued Project Funding

Continued Federal and State Funding is absolutely critical for the Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS Project. Water system demands are currently exceeding raw water pump capacity on the reservation. What does this mean for Rocky Boy's Reservation? It means water restrictions, it means hauling water, and it means a lack of a basic necessity of life. It means no water for swimming pools, gardening, and car washes on the Reservation.

It means the Chippewa Cree Tribe needs the Tiber water as soon as possible. Funding is essential to making the Tiber water accessible to the Tribe.

The chart below illustrates that the projected Tribal population growth (four percent per year) is only going to exacerbate the disparity between the water demand and the available supply on the Reservation unless water from the Tiber Reservoir becomes available to the Tribe.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Coordinating Committee Meeting

9:30 am

January 19

February 16

March 16

North Central Montana Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Meeting

1:30 pm

January 19

February 16

March 16

Featured User: South Chester County Water District

South Chester County Water District (CWD) serves a population of approximately 80 people via the use of a groundwater source. Water is collected in a collector well fed by the Marias River and treated using riverbank filtration followed by chlorine disinfection. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has deemed the

water supply under the influence of surface water, and regulatory enforcement action is likely due to noncompliance with surface water treatment regulations. The formation of disinfection by-products (DBPs) is also a regulatory concern. To avoid the required capital improvements associated with surface water treatment regulation compliance,

South Chester CWD has elected to participate in the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System (NCMRWS) Project to address its water quality and regulatory challenges. South Chester CWD will be included in the next phase of the project, the Tiber Service Area segment.

North Central Montana Regional Water Authority Executive Committee

Elections were held on October 20, 2009 for the five-member Executive Committee of the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCMRWA). Dan Keil was re-elected as the President of NCMRWA and newly elected committee members are Larry Bonderud of Shelby, Bill McCau-

ley of Cut Bank, Cheryl Curry of Conrad, and Bob Rice of Havre.

These new committee members will continue to work toward providing safe and reliable drinking water to the residents of north central Montana. We would also like to extend our thanks to the

previous Executive Committee members Dave Jones of Hill CWD, Susan Fleshman of Dutton, Shaud Schwarzbach of Big Sandy, and Harvey Hawbaker of Shelby. Your hard work and dedication were greatly appreciated.

North Havre Project Update

Construction of the first segment of the Rocky Boy's/NCMRWS Project, Non-Core-System started Monday, September 14. This project will provide treated water to North Havre County Water District from the City of Havre, eliminating the need for treatment at the North Havre County Water District facility. The District currently has compliance issues that would be very costly to fix. This water line will eventually be incorporated into the Rocky Boys/NCMRWS Project from the water intake

and treatment facility at Tiber Reservoir.

Work on the pipeline project began simultaneously at the north and south ends with two crews starting 21 miles apart. Currently only about 2,000 feet separate the crews. There are some valves and road crossings that still need to be finished. The connection to the Havre booster station is nearly complete, and a heated tent is being used to allow completion of the masonry and remaining concrete work. Once the connec-

tions are complete, the lines will be flushed, tested, disinfected, and ready for service.



every dollar that was brought in for this project was rolled over seven times locally.

What message would you like to send to Washington D.C. and the funding agencies for future similar projects?

They need to continue project funding. We need the employment. We have a nearly 70% unemployment rate on the reservation. This project enabled the Tribe to be able to buy the things we need to live. Additionally, this project provided an opportunity for training and teaching workers skills that will benefit the regional market for decades to come.

HUNTER BURNS:
BURNS CONSTRUCTION
Hunter Burns is the owner of Burns Construction, which installed 23,615 feet of pipe for the project. The project created 10 new jobs for the company.

What was the best part of the Box Elder/ Middle Dry Fork/ Laredo pipeline projects?

The project as a whole was rewarding. However, crossing the coulee was extremely interesting. All my workers live on the Rocky Boy's Reservation and this project directly benefits us. This pipeline is going to be here for generations, so just being a part of this project was an honor.

How did the pipeline construction projects impact regional economics? On-reservation economics?

The projects impacted the economics substantially, especially



Hunter Burns

in this recession. It helped local businesses and the people of Montana. Everybody had a positive effect from it.

GERALD FOUR COLORS:
ALEX WEASELBOY CONSTRUCTION

Gerald Four Colors is the foreman for Alex Weaselboy Construction which installed 23,925 feet of pipe for the project. The project created seven new jobs at his company.

What direct impacts and benefits do you see this new pipeline construction bringing to the Rocky Boy's Reservation?

The construction has had a big impact. I am very familiar with our water system. We put in a lot of the system 10-15 years ago. We have problems getting water to reservation storage facilities. We restrict water usage on the reservation and need the Core Pipeline and Water Treat-

ment Plant. With this pipeline, hopefully additional lines, and the Core Water Treatment Plant, there will be enough water for everybody – even those not currently on the system.

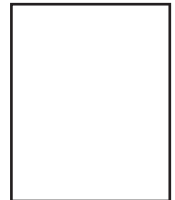
What message would you like to send to Washington D.C. and the funding agencies for future similar projects?

I think we need more projects like this, not only for water but sewer as well. Right now a lot of the lagoons are full, yet population continues to grow on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. Federal funding can provide a lot of needed improvements.



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