

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION RATE TABLE

Project name	Rate category	Current 2002 rate	Proposed 2003 rate
Blackfeet Irrigation Project	Basic-per acre	\$13.00	\$13.00
Crow Irrigation Project (See note below)	Basic-per acre	16.00	16.00
Fort Belknap Irrigation Project*	Indian per acre	6.25	7.00
	Non-Indian per acre	12.50	14.00
Fort Peck Irrigation Project	Basic-per acre	14.00	14.00
Wind River Irrigation Project*	Basic-per acre	12.00	13.00

SOUTHWEST REGION RATE TABLE

Project name	Rate category	Current 2002 rate	Proposed 2003 rate
Pine River Irrigation Project	Minimum Charge per tract	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Basic-per acre	8.50	8.50

WESTERN REGION RATE TABLE

Project name	Rate category	Current 2002 rate	Proposed 2003 rate	Proposed 2004 rate
Colorado River Irrigation Project* (See note #1 below).	Basic per acre up to 5.0 acre-feet	\$37.00	.....	To be Determined.
	Excess Water per acre foot 5.0–5.5 acre-feet	7.40	.....	Do.
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.5 acre-feet	17.00	.....	Do.
	Basic per acre up to 5.75 acre-feet .....	.....	\$47.00	Do.
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.75 acre-feet .....	.....	17.00	Do.
Duck Valley Irrigation Project	Basic-per acre	5.30	5.30	Do.
Fort Yuma Irrigation Project (See note #2 below).	Basic-per acre up to 5.0 acre-feet	60.00	60.00	Do.
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.0 acre-feet	10.50	10.50	Do.
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Joint Works)	Basic-per acre	20.00	20.00	20.00
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Indian Works) ...	Basic-per acre	56.00	56.00	To be Determined
Uintah Irrigation Project* (See note #2 below)	Basic-per acre	8.50	11.00	Do.
Walker River Irrigation Project	Indian per acre	7.32	7.32	Do.
	Non-Indian per acre	15.29	15.29	Do.

Note #1—For the Colorado River Irrigation Project, pursuant to a reconciliation of the operation and maintenance financial records as of December 31, 2002, funds in excess of the 700,000 reserve fund will be refunded to the excess water users in proportion to the amount of excess water purchased by each water user. The refund will be a credit against the 2003 irrigation season assessment for eligible excess water users.

Note #2—The Fort Yuma Irrigation Project is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The irrigation rates assessed for operation and maintenance are established by Reclamation and are provided for informational purposes only. The BIA only collects the irrigation assessments on behalf of Reclamation.

Consultation and Coordination With Tribal Governments (Executive Order 13175)

The BIA irrigation projects are vital components of the local agriculture economy of the reservations on which they are located. To fulfill its responsibilities to the tribes, tribal organizations, water user organizations, and the individual water users, the BIA communicates, coordinates, and consults on a continuing basis with these entities on issues of water delivery, water availability, costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. This is accomplished at the individual irrigation projects by Project, Agency, and Regional representatives, as appropriate, in accordance with local protocol and procedures. This notice is one

component of the BIA's overall coordination and consultation process to provide notice and request comments from these entities on adjusting our irrigation rates.

Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use (Executive Order 13211)

The rate adjustments will have no adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use (including a shortfall in supply, price increases, and increase use of foreign supplies) should the proposed rate adjustments be implemented. This is a notice for rate adjustments at BIA owned and operated irrigation projects, except for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project. The Fort Yuma Irrigation Project is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation with a

portion serving the Fort Yuma Reservation.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Order 12866)

These rate adjustments are not a significant regulatory action and do not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rate making is not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because it is "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

These rate adjustments impose no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and are