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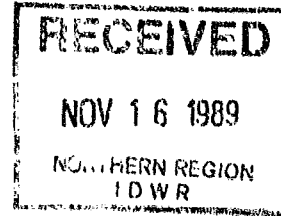
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Subject: Operation of Twin Lakes (Reservoir Operations)

Dear Ms. Allen:

We have your November 4, 1989, letter regarding the operation of Twin Lakes outlet works. You are correct, Kootenai County has accepted responsibility for operation, maintenance, and repair of the Twin Lakes dam and outlet works. We are, however, uncertain whether the County can be compelled to install and operate measuring devices as a part of their operation of the outlet works. This may be someone else's responsibility. Certainly it was never Reclamation's intent to assume this obligation.

Reclamation has no authority or responsibility for operation or maintenance of the sump, and it is not included in our agreement with Kootenai County.

It is Reclamation's position that those who benefit from the project should pay for the costs of operation and maintenance of the works necessary for achieving those benefits. We suggest that the Association work with Kootenai County and the other project beneficiaries to this end.

Sincerely,

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