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Re: Central Plateau Values

Dear Messrs. Schepens, Klein, Kreizenbeck and Manning,

One of the Board's priorities for 2005 is the development of advice to guide Central Plateau decision-making. Over several months, the Board has begun development of several products focused on the Central Plateau. Attached is the first product to be adopted out of these efforts.

This advice presents a decision flow path for remedial decision making. It is not intended to be an overly prescriptive document. Rather, it is intended as a guidance tool based on the Board's values and biases. The Board advises the agencies use this tool in Central Plateau remedial decision-making.

The Board will continue its work on additional products to provide further input to cleanup decisions in the Central Plateau. We look forward to hearing from the Tri...
Party Agencies on how this product has been applied and if refinements are necessary.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Todd Martin, Chair
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This letter represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.

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