

## Rocky Boys/North Central Rural Water

### Project Description

The Rocky Boys/North Central Rural Water project will provide reliable drinking water to approximately 43,000 people in north central Montana. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding will be used to construct the intake superstructure, for acquisition of pipeline rights-of-way, and design and construction of critical pipeline segments.



The intake superstructure will house the raw water pumps for water delivery to the treatment plant, when constructed. The core pipeline will be used to convey water to the Rocky Boy Reservation and to all of the rural water districts under the North Central Regional Water Authority.

### Project Benefits

Completing this portion of the rural water project will:

- Assist in implementing the Chippewa Cree Tribe's water right settlement by providing access to 10,000 acre feet of water in Lake Elwell.
- Provide for ongoing construction of the project, which will provide a reliable drinking supply to area residents.

### Project Status

- Funding of \$19.86 million was provided to the Chippewa Cree Tribe on Sept. 15, 2009.
- This funding is being used to construct the Intake Superstructure at Lake Elwell (Tiber Dam) and approximately 8.5 miles of Core pipeline. The amount of ARRA funding used for the Intake Superstructure is approximately \$6.9 million and is scheduled to be completed by March 2011. The amount of funding for the Core pipeline is \$12.9 million and is scheduled for completion by September 2010.

### Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$20 million

### For more information

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