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(1.) Five counties in southern W.Va. were flooded the 1st. week in ~~Jan~~ May. The flooding destroyed at least 100 buildings, knocked out power and flushed trash, debris and at least 1 mobile home downstream. Why are we spending $26-29 million dollars on another dam in Lost River where we haven't lost that many buildings or endangered 7 miners trapped under ground because of high water in 35-40 years. The NRCS claims 1 million in flood damage per year caused by ~~high~~ flooding of Lost River but there is no ~~data~~ hard data to substantiate these claims. The only data they have is FEMA spending $350 thousand for clean up after the 1985 flood. There was no lost power or buildings destroyed here or lives endangered by flooding.

(2.) Isn't ~~the~~ data claimed in this EIS all estimates that could probably be found on any stream in W.Va. or the U.S.

(3.) This is alluvial (water borne) soil that makes up the fertile low lands of the valley.

(4) How was the public need determined and who determined it. Was the public consulted.

(5.) If the public service commission was unable to get enough people (80% of the population) in the revised distribution plan to sign up for public water what leads you to believe the rural water supply plans are economically feasable.

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(6.) WOULD NRCS BE ABLE TO TELL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY, WHAT ROLE THE FUTURE PLANNED 'NO OCCUPATIONAL ZONES' PLAY IN THIS ADAMANT, UNFOUNDED PUSH FOR WATER IMPOUNDMENTS IN HARDY COUNTY?

(7) Why did NRCS not examine other potential sites instead of relying on sites selected on the basis of an EIS prepared 35 years ago.

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