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This mess/farce began in 1961 and refuses to die. Despite all of the petitions and opposition since before any of the dams on the Lost River were built, the PVSCD and Hardy County Commissioners (backed by NRCS) just keep pushing on. They have totally ignored the public for over 40 years.

We do not have a flooding problem on this side of the mountain. In 1985, we lost no power, people got up and went to work and Mathias received more rain fall than Moorefield. Water supply, for what? There is not enough water in Lost River to support anything and you can not manufacture water. People are moving out of Hardy County, not into Hardy County. There are houses for sale everywhere, a motel, a restaurant, a real estate company, a "mom & pop store", a bed and breakfast, just to name a few. Everyone from Arkansas to Mathias has a well and septic system, they simply can not afford more monthly bills. My husband and I are 100% disabled and we can barely pay are monthly bills along with doctors and medications now. The fact still remains that Lost River is more of a creek, there is just not enough water to support public water and the majority does not want it or need it. Hardy County is one of the two driest counties in West Virginia.

There is no back up in the EIS that shows figures that add up for the need of either flood control or water supply. We already have enough recreation, trout pond, Lost River State Park, etc. There is still no traffic on Corridor H. The vehicles that do go through are heading to ski resorts, smoke hole caverns or Seneca rocks. Those are the tourist attractions, we have nothing here.

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

If the No Action Alternative is "the alternative with the greatest net benefits" (page 86), why is that not the Recommended Alternative?

Many citizens will not send in comments (although they would like to because they are also against Dam Site #16) but they won't because they have signed petitions before and were visited by the NRCS reps and in so many words were threatened that if they went against the Dam or signed anything else "their loans could suddenly come due or they might not receive any more grant money". Great Government we have, isn't it?

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