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Subject: Lost River Site #16 comments
RE: EIS for Lost River Site #16 published April 2009

RE: Flood damages

The lack of factual evidence to substantiate your claim of flood damages bothers me. If the reason for building this dam was to prevent property loss or to minimize the possibility of loss of human life, you would be able to show with pictures and other verifiable proof that such loss had occurred during the past 40 years. You (the sponsors of this project) claim that there are over a million dollars in flood damages annually. Where did these losses occur? What years did they occur? Where is the proof?

On page 6 you state "Refer to the investigation and Analysis section in Appendix C for more information on flood damage determinations." No list appears on this page or anywhere else in this document nor do you give photographs or copies of newspaper articles showing any flood damage in the Lost River Valley. Where is the detailed list of the structures that had flood damages from previous floods? On page C -5, you attest that through personal interviews you learnt about the flood damages. Where are the copies of these interviews? We asked that you include the names and addresses of persons that you talked with related to flood damages. You refuse to do so. Is this because these persons do not live or own land in the Lost River Valley?

You have had nearly 40 years to compile data to prove annual flood damages, yet none are contained in your document. Where is the chart or table showing specifically what was lost or destroyed or damaged and the year that the losses occurred? Where is documentation for each supposed flood and the amount of damages the Lost River Valley sustained? Where are the pictures of the damages from any of the reported floods?

Where are the pictures of the structures that this dam will protect? I noted that you took the time to take some color photographs of the area where the dam will be constructed, but did not include any photographs of actual structures that this dam will protect. Why not? Is it because there aren't any barns or houses or other out buildings that this dam will protect???

I find it unconscionable that you continue to mislead persons who live out of the area with your misrepresentation of the facts. Show us the proof! Verify your claims of flood damage.

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