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PROPOSED LOST RIVER SITE 16

SECOND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REVIEW COMMENTS

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Comments For Site 16 Lower Cove Run
Draft Supplemental Work Plan and
Environmental Impact Statement

I am writing this commentary to object to the building of the planned dam and water impoundment project at Site 16 Lower Cove Run in the Lost River Watershed.

My objections are based on the following reasons:

1. Proposed need for flood control: There is no need for a costly solution for flood control. During past floods (1985/1996) the damage was mainly to fences and a few cows. The premise that this dam would prevent property damage and loss of life through a multi-million dollar construction project is ill-concieved and wasteful!

2. Water supply: There is no need for a costly project to provide a water supply for this extremely rural, low residential density area. This impoundment would create a source of water, but does not adress treatment and distribution issues or funding. Residents of Baker, W.Va. recently rejected getting hooked up to a very costly water supply project, because the small number of users made for a relatively high monthly bill. The future expansion of the poultry

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industry and increased residential housing development cited in the work plan are dubious concepts not proven out by current economic trends and statistics. Three other dams/impoundments already provide a raw water source for "future needs", making this proposed facility extremely redundant and un-necessary

3. Waste of taxpayer money - This project would be a phenomenal waste of government funds! In the current economic climate it is essential that money be spent wisely on projects that benefit our country and our infrastructure needs. This is a wasteful project with no real usefulness.

I strongly recommend that you implement the No Action Future without project alternative.

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