

**APPENDIX D**

**BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

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**FOR**

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November 7, 2002

Engineering and Construction Division  
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Mr. Subhas Shah  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
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Dear Mr. Shah:

At the request of Cochiti Pueblo, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, is proposing to close the Al Black Recreation Area below Cochiti Dam on the Rio Grande in Sandoval County, New Mexico. Last spring, you met with representatives of the Corps to determine the availability of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy (MRGCD) property located on the Rio Grande at Pena Blanca, New Mexico. Based on that discussion, the Corps is investigating the use of this land to construct a new public recreation area to replace the Al Black facility.

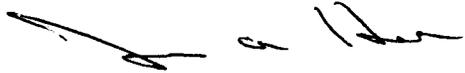
With regards to the current status of the Pena Blanca property, Mr. Sterling Grogan has advised that ownership tenure of some of the area is currently under dispute. Additionally, a government survey will be completed to confirm the limits of the property lines with respect to the Cochiti and Santa Domingo Pueblos. Furthermore, MRGCD is requiring individuals to purchase a \$35 property access and use permit and is also assessing a \$15 refundable fee for a gate key to the Pena Blanca land.

The Corps is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for the proposed Al Black closure in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Establishing a replacement recreation area is a key component to arriving at a FONSI. In anticipation of leasing the Pena Blanca property for this purpose, the Corps requests MRGCD's permission to describe the Pena Blanca property in the EA and include a proposed site design of the recreation facilities.

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Your written concurrence with this request will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at (505) 342-3416.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Hall, Chief  
Environmental Resources Branch



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Mr. Larry G. Bell, Director  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
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Dear Mr. Bell:

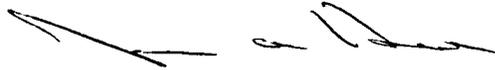
At the request of the Cochiti Pueblo, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, is proposing to close the Al Black Recreation Area at Cochiti Dam in Sandoval County, New Mexico. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI). To compensate for the loss of public recreation associated with this action, property on the Rio Grande at Pena Blanca, New Mexico, is being investigated for availability and suitability for a replacement public recreation area. Establishment of an in-kind facility at this location would be an important step in satisfying NEPA requirements.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) currently stocks rainbow trout at Al Black. Discussions with Mr. Richard Hansen of your fisheries staff indicate that your agency may have an interest in continuing the stocking program at Pena Blanca upon closure of Al Black. In the Corps' effort to establish an in-kind replacement recreation facility, the continuation of your stocking program would be an important component in achieving that goal. Furthermore, a statement in the EA describing your agency's willingness to continue the stocking program, would assist in arriving at a FONSI determination. Your approval to make such a statement would be greatly appreciated.

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To summarize, please advise if the NMDGF would continue stocking rainbow trout at the Corps' proposed Pena Blanca recreation site upon closure of the Al Black facility. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at (505) 342-3416.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

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December 4, 2002

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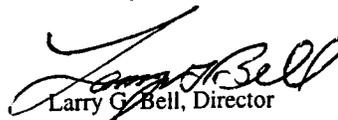
Dear Ms. Hall,

The potential closing of the Al Black Recreation Area below Cochiti Lake concerns our agency. This fishery is located near significant population centers and provides consistent recreational opportunity during this time of drought. Angling opportunities have become increasingly restricted statewide, and the Department does not feel the citizens of New Mexico can afford to lose another fishing access. It is important that all alternatives addressed in your Environmental Assessment include provisions for development of an alternative fishery.

Development of the Pena Blanca access may serve as a viable mitigation for closure of the Al Black access. It should be noted that we would not consider this as development of a new access, but as improvement of an existing access. At this time we feel the Pena Blanca site may be stocked using a similar schedule as is currently in effect at the Al Black Access. Additional monitoring of water quality parameters would be required before I could state definitively that this site would support the current stocking schedule. Specifically we have concerns regarding water temperature during the June, September, and October stocking dates.

I can not at this time state that stocking would continue at the Pena Blanca site. Our staff will have to deem water quality parameters sufficient for continuation of current stocking strategies. If water quality parameters were insufficient, an alternative stocking strategy would have to be identified. We can agree to participate in developing this fishery within existing biological constraints. I request that you continue to involve my staff in the planning process. You may contact Richard Hansen (476-8055) of our Fisheries Division and Rick Castell (841-8881), our Northwest Area Fisheries Manager, to assist with this process.

Sincerely,



Larry G. Bell, Director

Cc Mike Sloane, Fisheries Management  
Luke Shelby, Northwest Area Operations



## Jahnke, Ernest W SPA

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**From:** RHansen@state.nm.us  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 3:03 PM  
**To:** Jahnke, Ernest W  
**Subject:** cochiti tailwater

Ernie,

Here is some of the info we discussed:

Stocking:

We have stocked rainbows primarily in the Rio Grande below Cochiti Lake. We have stocked approximately 120,000 rainbow trout in this reach from Jan 1998-Jan 2002. These fish are "catchable size" or about 9-10". Browns were stocked on five occasions, 1986,87, 89, 92, and 98. These fish were fingerlings in the 1-3" range. The last stocking was approximately 99,000 fingerlings. We produce the rainbows at state hatcheries and have depended on surplus fish from federal hatcheries to stock browns (generally shorting our scheduled stocking of the Rio Grande Box). We do not stock trout in Cochiti Reservoir at all.

Use:

As I mentioned, our data are limited. In the 1997-98 license year approximately 10,000 anglers fished in the Cochiti tailwater for about 28,000 angler days. In the 1998-99 license year approximately 9,000 anglers fished for approximately 23,000 angler days. This compares to 35,000 anglers fishing Cochiti Lake for about 100,000 angler days.

Richard Hansen, Assistant Chief  
Fisheries Management Division  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
505/476-8055



December 20, 2002

Ms. Julie A. Hall, Chief  
Environmental Resources Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Place NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109



Re: Your letter of November 7, 2002 regarding proposed Peña Blanca recreation area

Dear Ms. Hall:

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) is the owner of a tract of land in the riparian zone ("bosque") at Peña Blanca, New Mexico, where the Corps of Engineers is considering locating a public recreation area to replace the closed Al Black Recreation Area at Cochiti Dam. Following discussions among our respective staffs, MRGCD is pleased to cooperate with the Corps of Engineers in evaluations of the feasibility of this proposal. This evaluation should, at a minimum, include detailed consideration of the following issues:

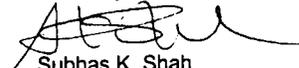
MRGCD feels very strongly that, for a number of reasons including those outlined below, the Peña Blanca site is not suitable for a public recreation area of the type envisioned by the Corps. Therefore, MRGCD urges the Corps to look for an alternate site.

1. Due to past problems of illegal dumping of trash and vandalism, access to the bosque at Peña Blanca is now controlled by MRGCD with a locked gate to prevent problems experienced in the past. A permit for motor vehicle entrance to the bosque is available from the MRGCD office at Peña Blanca for \$35.00 per year; a \$15.00 refundable key deposit is also required. MRGCD believes that, considering the proximity of homes to the area, some access controls similar to those now in place would have to remain in place even if the Corps is able to develop the site for recreation.
2. The proposed site is close to occupied residences. Therefore, the Corps should, as soon as possible, initiate discussions with adjacent property owners to resolve issues of public access, parking, noise, vandalism, and other matters of concern already expressed to MRGCD about the pending proposal.
3. Maintenance of a public recreation area is costly and burdensome, particularly with regard to questions of liability. MRGCD cannot be responsible for liability in a public recreation area and has neither the budget, the staff, nor the legal mandate to manage a recreation area of the type apparently envisioned by the Corps. Therefore, provisions for liability, as well as for perpetual maintenance and supervision, must be considered in the Corps' evaluation of this proposal.
4. Construction of any permanent facilities, including parking, must take into consideration the prospect of the Corps eventually releasing flows of 10,000 cfs or more from Cochiti Dam, as envisioned in the URGWOPS/URGWOM process.

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If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

  
Subhas K. Shah  
Chief Engineer / CEO



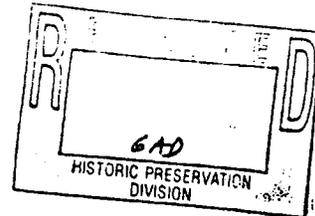


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March 14, 2003

Engineering and Construction Division  
Environmental Resources Branch

Ms. Katherine Slick  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
New Mexico State Historic Preservation Bureau  
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Dear Ms. Slick:

In keeping with the provisions of 36 CFR 800, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, is seeking your concurrence in our determination of No Historic Properties Affected as a result of the proposed closing of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and the proposed construction of a substitute fishing area on the Rio Grande just south of Peña Blanca. Details, locations, and illustrations are included in the attached letter report; an Environmental Assessment is being prepared. Closing the Al Black Recreation Area is considered a vital component in a community-wide restoration project of the Pueblo de Cochiti. It is their long-held belief that the current use of the location is inconsistent with the historical and cultural nature of that area.

All public-oriented facilities and other amenities that have no bearing on the operation or maintenance of the Outlet Works would be removed from the Al Black area; essentially this means concrete, gravel, metal barriers, and toilets. The recreation area covers approximately eight acres, and none of it was surveyed for archaeological resources as it is completely developed. All of the facilities were constructed after the mid-1970s, and they are neither of sufficient age nor architectural merit to warrant further consideration.

Existing levees provide access to the proposed substitute fishing location south of Peña Blanca. The actual location is within the existing riverside levee on sediments deposited in the historic period by the Rio Grande. An inventory survey of the area not on the existing levees was conducted. The inventory survey included three acres (1.2 HA) surrounding the proposed project location and 1.5 acres (0.6 HA) required for the access road between the parking lot and the riverside levee. A sample survey of an additional six acres (2.4 HA) surrounding the proposed project location was also conducted. With

the exception of a stunningly diverse array of modern trash, no relevant cultural material exists.

The Al Black Recreation Area is located on Pueblo de Cochiti land; the Corps held a Recreation Easement that was modified on November 8, 2001. The modification rescinded all activity except for operation and maintenance of the outlet works. The proposed substitute fishing area near Peña Blanca is owned by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and the Corps will enter into an easement with them.

No archaeological sites, architectural resources, or traditional cultural properties exist within either location. The proposed undertaking will have no effect on the archaeological or architectural resources of New Mexico. As noted, we are seeking your concurrence of our determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dr. John D. Schelberg, Archaeologist, at (505) 342-3359.

Sincerely,

*for* *John D. Schelberg*  
Julie A. Hall  
Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

DATE 4/3/03

I Concur\* *Theresa Duncan*  
*for* Katherine Slick, NEW MEXICO STATE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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March 31, 2003

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Subhas Shah  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
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Dear Mr. Shah:

Thank you for your December 20, 2002 letter concerning the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's (MRGCD) tract of land in the riparian zone ("bosque") at Pena Blanca, New Mexico. As explained in our letter dated November 7, 2002, the Albuquerque District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has identified the property as a potential location for a public recreation site to replace the loss of public facilities and recreation opportunities associated with the proposed closing of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works.

In response to your expressed concerns, the following information is offered for your consideration:

1. The preliminary alternatives analysis associated with the Environmental Assessment being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) indicates that the Pena Blanca site is acceptable for the establishment of public recreation facilities. Furthermore, the water temperatures in this reach of the Rio Grande appear to be suitable to support stocking of rainbow trout to replace the existing program managed by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at the Al Black Recreation Area. We were unable to locate any other suitable alternate sites.

2. The Corps, or a sponsor, would restrict access to the recreation site and surrounding area with a gate that would be locked after operating hours (i.e. sunset to sunrise). This would minimize or eliminate problems associated with vandalism, trash, or noise.

3. As required by NEPA, copies of the draft Environmental Assessment will be sent to all adjacent property owners for comment and resolution of expressed concerns. Furthermore, as part of the public review, the Corps is planning to hold a public meeting to explain the plans and provide another forum for public input on the proposal.

4. The Corps, or a sponsor, will assume liability and provide for construction, management, maintenance, and ongoing funding of the recreation area.

5. The design of any permanent facilities will consider effects of over bank flows that may affect the site.

Thank you for your comments and cooperation on this proposal. If you have any other questions or concerns on these matters please contact Cynthia Piirto at 342-3277.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Shampine,  
Chief Operations Division

CF: CESPA-OD/Carey



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Executive Office

Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senator  
625 Silver Avenue, S.W. Suite 120  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Senator Domenici:

The Pueblo of Cochiti (Pueblo) has requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, to close the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works in Sandoval County, New Mexico. The facility is located on Pueblo property leased to the Corps for operations, maintenance and recreation. In conjunction with this action, the Corps has identified Middle Rio Grande Conservancy property located downstream on the Rio Grande east of Peña Blanca, New Mexico, as a suitable replacement recreation site.

The enclosed Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment (DEA/FONSI) entitled, "**Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico,**" has been compiled in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Due to the importance of this Federal action, a public meeting has been scheduled on August 28, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. The public forum will provide participants an opportunity to express their views and present evidence to ensure that all available information is considered in determining the significance of this decision on the environment.

Written comments on the DEA/FONSI are being accepted through September 2, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, Environmental Resources Branch, at (505)342-3416.

Sincerely,

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Dana R. Hurst  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
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July 30, 2003

Engineering and Construction Division  
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Honorable Simon Suina  
Governor, Pueblo of Cochiti  
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Dear Governor Suina:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a copy of the Draft Findings of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment (DEA/FONSI) entitled, **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, requests that you respond with any comments or concerns within 30 days or less. Please submit your reply **no later than September 2, 2003**, so that we can address your comments, incorporate the correspondence into the final document, and complete National Environmental Policy Act compliance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at (505) 342-3416.

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Honorable Everett Chavez  
Governor, Pueblo of Santo Domingo  
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Dear Governor Chavez:

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Cleo J. Powell  
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Dear Cleo:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, is proposing to relocate the public recreation area on the Rio Grande at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to a downstream location near Peña Blanca, New Mexico. As an adjacent property owner to the proposed site in Peña Blanca, we are requesting your comments on the enclosed Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (DEA/FONSI) entitled, **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

The Corps further requests that you respond with any comments or concerns within 30 days or less. Please submit your reply **no later than September 2, 2003**, so that we can address your comments, incorporate the correspondence into the final document, and complete compliance under the National Environmental Policy Act. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at (505) 342-3416.

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July 30, 2003

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Dr. Joy Nicholopolous, Ph.D  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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Attention: Federal Projects Section

Dear Dr. Nicholopolous:

In accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, enclosed is a copy of the Draft Findings of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment entitled, **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico**

The Corps requests that you respond with any comments or concerns within 30 days or less. Please submit your reply **no later than September 2, 2003**, so that we can address your comments, incorporate the correspondence into the final document, and complete National Environmental Policy Act compliance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at (505) 342-3416.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Hall  
Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

Enclosure





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Attention: Threatened and Endangered Species Section

Dear Dr. Nicholopoulos:

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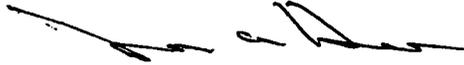
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We have also determined that the proposed work would have no effect on Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) or their critical habitats.

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Mr. Richard Hansen  
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

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August 19, 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall:

We have no comments or concerns on the Draft Findings of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment entitled, **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Pena Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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ROSENDO TREVIÑO III  
State Conservationist



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27 August 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall,

We have reviewed your DEA/FONSI for Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico. We appreciate your involving our Department early in the process and many of our original concerns regarding mitigation for closure of the Al Black access have been addressed. We do have some additional comments regarding the project as a whole.

Our first concern is procedural. This Environmental Assessment (EA) is not a true decision making document as prescribed by NEPA. The decision was made prior to preparation of the document. Documentation indicates an agreement was entered into on November 8, 2001, prior to public scoping or proper review of potential alternatives. The "No Action Alternative" is actually an "Action Alternative" as it would require a reversal of the action you have already taken (the commitment entered into with the Pueblo de Cochiti to close the Al Black Area). Therefore, this EA is incomplete by not having a "No Action" alternative (in this case closure of the access without providing mitigation). Discussion of rehabilitation of the Al Black Area is irrelevant under the title of this document, "Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico."

Our other comments pertain to the relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area. As noted in the EA, our Department is still not certain we can maintain the stocking schedule at the Peña Blanca Site that is currently in effect at the Al Black Site. The river is of sufficient volume that we do not expect a major difference, but until we check our thermistors in October we cannot commit to continued stocking at the Peña Blanca Site. If we cannot stock the new location as often, we would consider this to be a significant effect on the recreational opportunities of the area.

We noted no mention of contemporaneous surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers in the proposed action area. Have such surveys been conducted between Cochiti Dam and Bernalillo? It would appear suitable habitat may occur within the Peña Blanca site. It is entirely possible development of this area could reduce suitability for potential nesting of this species in the project area. There is no provision for additional surveying and monitoring for this species in the EA.

We feel some very important facets of the relocation were not fully developed in the EA pertaining to the new site at Peña Blanca. The first issue is land status: the EA never addresses whether the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) concurred with the project. The letter from Subhas Shah (dated 20 December 2002) indicates MRGCD had reservations about development of a fishing access on their property. Your follow-up letter addressed these issues (dated 31 March 2003), but there was no record of acceptance by the landowner. Without an easement to the Corps for access to this site, or at the very least written concurrence from MRGCD, this potential mitigation measure for closure of Al Black may not be considered a viable "alternative."

Assuming MRGCD does accept this development, additional concerns regarding access become pertinent. There is no mention that there is no user fee for the Al Black Area. Will the Peña Blanca site also have free access, or will MRGCD charge a trespass fee? If a fee were charged, we would view this as a reduction in access and potentially a significant effect on recreational opportunity.

Is the proposed Peña Blanca site adequately designed to accommodate the approximately 10,000 angler visitations the Al Black Area currently receives? How will pedestrian movement be controlled at the new location? Mention is made of anglers accessing the river along the existing bosque, will people have access to the entire MRGCD plot or will a section be posted for trespass? What impacts might we expect on the existing bosque vegetation and wildlife if people are allowed complete access to the area?

Finally, we have concerns regarding local residents. How will the approximately 10,000 expected visitors affect quality of life for the residents of the area? It is likely the existing levee roads will need improvements to safely transport the likely increase in traffic associated with the new fishing access. Will the Corps be responsible for the necessary improvements to and maintenance of the access road on MRGCD property? Will access be routed away from the one house directly next to the current levee road? The EA does not indicate whether residents directly along the travel corridor have been involved in the scoping process. As traffic is likely to increase substantially, and construction will likely cause additional inconvenience it would appear there could be a significant impact on quality of life for local residents.

In conclusion, while we agree recreational mitigation is necessary in association with the closure of the Al Black Area, we do not feel this document fully addresses issues associated with the development of Peña Blanca access. We concur that a fishing access at the Peña Blanca site would be superior in quality to the current Al Black Area, both aesthetically and quality of aquatic habitat. However, based on the information presented in the EA we cannot agree that there will not be a significant impact on the human environment. It would appear that the

potential for significant impact to the human and natural environment does exist. If so, NEPA mandates the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

Sincerely,

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cc Lisa Fisher, Conservation Services Division, NMDGF  
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August 29, 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall:

Thank you for your July 30, 2003, letter requesting our review of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico. The proposed project would facilitate the restoration of Pueblo de Cochiti lands and help the Pueblo maintain their cultural and traditional uses of the project area. The primary goals of the proposed project include modifying the existing property easement, and acquiring the necessary funding, to restore the land at the Al Black Recreation Area.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Based on our review, the EA provides adequate background information for the project area and adequately explains the purpose and need of the project. Moreover, the EA adequately addresses the effects of the alternatives on hydrology, water quality, air quality, noise, aesthetics, noxious weeds and hazardous and toxic waste. However, the EA does not provide enough information to adequately evaluate impacts to biological resources at Peña Blanca or impacts to recreational fishing.

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS

### 2.03.2 Relocation Site Alternative 1, Page 13, Paragraph 5, Sentence 6-7

One objective in determining a feasible alternative public recreation site, is duplicating as much as possible, the existing cold-water fishing experience at the Al Black Recreation Area. If water temperatures are of concern during June, September, and October, then they would likely be of concern in July and August as well. We recommend that temperature and water quality data be collected at Peña Blanca from June through October to determine the feasibility of maintaining a cold-water fishery at this site. If suitable water conditions exist (e.g., temperature and dissolved oxygen), it may be worthwhile to determine if trout stay at Peña Blanca post-stocking. Trout

may immediately move out of the Peña Blanca area after stocking and move upstream to the Al Black Recreation Area.

4.00. Future Conditions Without the Project, Page 35

A description of the future conditions without the project are not included for the Peña Blanca site. Because implementation of the preferred alternative would alter the physical environment at Peña Blanca, we recommend that a description of the future conditions without the project be included in the EA.

5.01. Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Page 36, Paragraph 5, Sentence 1-2

Under the proposed action, the recreational experience may improve for sightseers, swimmers, and picnickers. However, the recreational experience for many anglers may decline, particularly if trout catch rates decline.

5.01. Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Page 37, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1-2

We recommend that more information be provided regarding this survey, specifically, which user groups were included in the survey. Survey results may differ between recreationists (e.g., anglers and birders), and agency personnel. If recreationists were surveyed, it would be useful to know how individual user groups (e.g., anglers, picnickers, etc.) responded.

5.01. Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, Page 37, Paragraph 2, Sentence 4

We recommend that a commitment regarding continued fish stocking be obtained from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF). Without continued stocking, trout catch rates may decline, and recreational angling may be negatively impacted. We recommend including in the effects analysis, the impact of discontinued fish stocking on recreation.

5.02. Land Uses, Page 38, Paragraph 5, Sentence 5

It appears there may be an important effect on land use at Peña Blanca under the proposed action. Improvements to vehicle access, parking, installation of a public toilet, and construction of a fishing pier would alter the site. The proposed project would also change Peña Blanca from a fee permit use area to a public recreation area, and would likely result in an increase in human activity. If recreation levels reach those of the Al Black Recreation Area (70,611 visits in 2002), then it appears land use at Peña Blanca could be greatly affected.

5.05. Biological Resources, Page 40, Paragraph 2, Sentence 3

Project related construction may not have a significant effect on the existing biological resources, but increased recreational use may. A total of 597,829 recreational visits occurred at the Al Black Recreation Area between 1995 and 2002. If, as expected, recreational use at Peña Blanca reaches levels currently occurring at the Al Black Recreation Area, then substantial impacts to biological resources could occur (e.g., vegetation and river bank trampling, etc.). These impacts may not only occur in the 1.3 acre project area as defined in the EA, but over the entire 43-acre site at Peña Blanca.

5.07. Biological Resources, Page 42, Paragraph 5, Sentence 2

We suggest that additional water quality data be gathered at Peña Blanca as well as a fish stocking commitment from the NMDGF, before a determination is made that a similar cold-water recreational fishery would be provided at this site.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact John Branstetter of my staff at (505) 346-2525, ext. 4753.

Sincerely,



Susan MacMullin  
Acting Field Supervisor

cc:

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Attention: Threatened and Endangered Species Section

Dear Ms. Nicholopolous:

As of our letter dated July 30, 2003, and accompanying Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (DEA/FONSI), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, advised of the proposal to relocate the public recreation area on the Rio Grande at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to a downstream location near Peña Blanca, New Mexico. Enclosed for your review and comment are three revised copies of the DEA/FONSI entitled, **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

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Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

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## Jahnke, Ernest W SPA

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**From:** Hall, Julie A SPA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2003 10:13 AM  
**To:** Jahnke, Ernest W SPA  
**Subject:** FW: Comments to DEA/FONSI

Comments from BOR on Al Black.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Umbreit [mailto:NUMBREIT@uc.usbr.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2003 10:07 AM  
To: Hall, Julie A  
Subject: Comments to DEA/FONSI

Hi Julie-- Please let me know if you get this message....

RE/ DEA/FONSI entitled, "Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Pena Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico"

The only comment the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has on the document is listed below:

This comment came Rik Arndt, our Lead Realty Specialist: Under Title 21- Part 1.15, both the Corps of Engineers (COE) and Reclamation will cooperate with any government agency willing to accept liability. If the COE is doing the project and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) agrees, we are covered from a land perspective.

Our River Analysis Branch did not have any concerns about the proposed location of the new recreation site.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thanks for giving us a chance to review and input our comments.

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September 10, 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall:

**RE: DEA: RELOCATION OF AL BLACK RECREATION AREA AT THE COCHITI DAM  
OUTLET WORKS TO PENA BLANCA**

This transmits New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff comments concerning the above-referenced Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The DEA relates to a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in conjunction with Cochiti Pueblo to relocate a public recreation area from the outlet of Cochiti Dam to a location farther downstream near Peña Blanca.

NMED staff reviewed the DEA with the primary concern that the project comply with state water quality standards and the Antidegradation Policy, which states that the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing designated uses shall be maintained and protected. This segment of the Rio Grande is designated for the following uses:

- Irrigation
- Livestock Watering
- Wildlife Habitat
- Coldwater Fishery
- Secondary Contact
- Warmwater Fishery

Selected standards relevant to the project include:

1. pH shall be in the range of 6.6 to 9.0
2. Temperature shall not exceed 25°C (77°F)
3. Turbidity attributable to other than natural causes shall not reduce light transmission to the point that the normal growth, function, or reproduction of aquatic life is impaired or that will cause substantial visible contrast with the natural appearance of the water.

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4. **Floating Solids, Oil, and Grease:** Surface waters of the state shall be free of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials resulting from other than natural causes that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

This is only a partial list of standards for this river segment. For a complete list of the water quality standards that apply to the project, please refer to the following sections of the *Standards for Interstate & Intrastate Surface Waters*, New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission, 20.6.4 NMAC: 12/16/2001. These standards are available on our website: [http://www/NMED\\_regs/swqb/20\\_6\\_4\\_nmac.html](http://www/NMED_regs/swqb/20_6_4_nmac.html).

- 20.6.4.8 *Antidegradation Policy and Implementation Plan*  
 20.6.4.12 *General Standards*  
 20.6.4.900 *Standards Applicable to Attainable or Designated Uses*  
 20.6.4.110 *Rio Grande Basin - The main stem of the Rio Grande from Angostura diversion works upstream to Cochiti dam.*

The Rio Grande is a jurisdictional water of the United States under the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). Therefore, authorization would be required under the CWA if the project involved the discharge of fill material below the ordinary high water mark of the channel. If the project involves the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, then a permit is required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under CWA Section 404. Furthermore, CWA Section 401 requires that those responsible for the project also obtain a water quality certification from the state in which the discharge originates. The purpose of the Section 401 State water quality certification is to ensure that the project will comply with applicable water quality standards and the Anti-degradation Policy.

A joint 404/401 application form is available from the following offices and website:

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 4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE  
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New Mexico Environment Department  
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 Santa Fe NM 87502  
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Violations of State water quality standards could lead to penalties under the New Mexico Water Quality Act. Section 74-6-10.1 B of the Act states: "Any person who violates any provision of the New Mexico Water Quality Act other than Section 74-6-5 NMSA 1978 or any person who violates any regulation, water quality standard, or compliance order adopted pursuant to that act shall be assessed civil penalties up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for each violation."

Additionally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres. Further information is available on the EPA website: [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater).

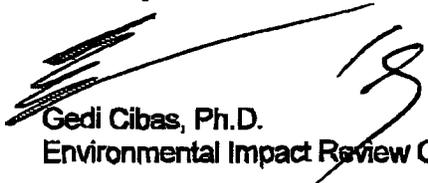
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NMED recommends that all construction projects utilize appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control or prevent the discharge of pollutants such as sediment, oil, and construction materials. In addition, NMED requires proper disposal of concrete, asphalt, and other such materials away from any watercourse, including dry arroyos. NMED also recommends that the responsible party install permanent stabilization such as storm water retention structures or velocity dissipation devices, to minimize long-term pollution from storm water runoff.

If you require additional information regarding this project, please contact Daniel Guevara at (505) 476-3017.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



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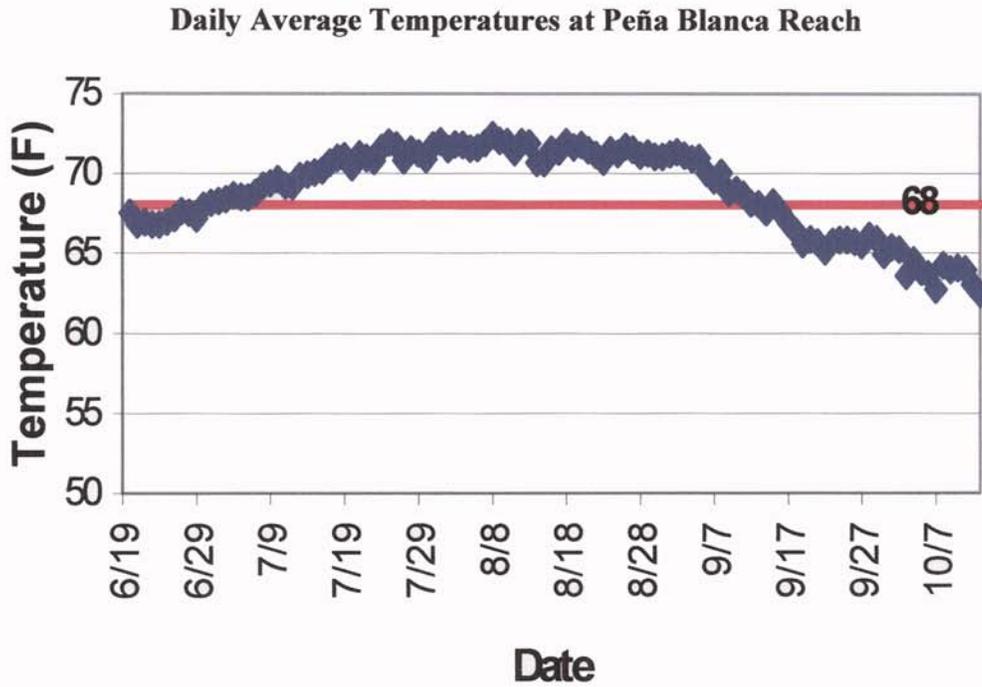
Dear Mr. Jahnke,

Per your request we have monitored the reach of the Rio Grande west of Peña Blanca for suitability of stocking rainbow trout in the event the Corps of Engineers selects this site as potential mitigation for closing the Al Black Recreation Area below Cochiti Dam. Our analysis indicates the Department would be able to stock this reach with a similar schedule currently in effect for the Al Black Area.

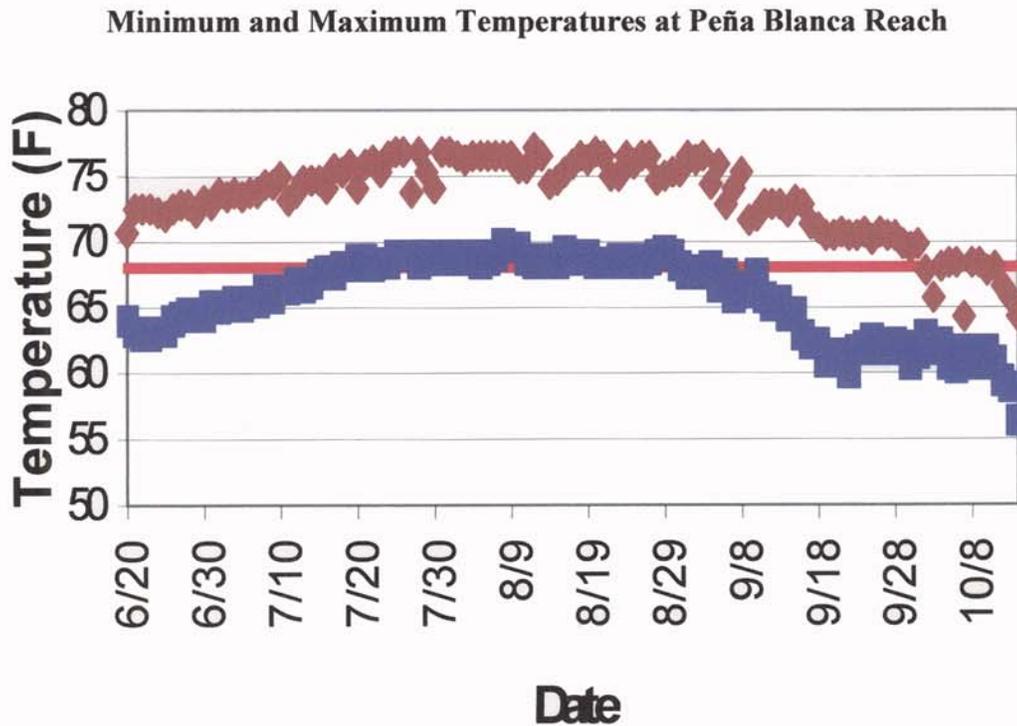
The current stocking schedule for the Al Black Recreation Area is a monthly stocking of 800 fish, excluding July and August. July and August are excluded from the stocking schedule due to high (above 68<sup>0</sup> F) water temperatures during this time period. Between 1 July 1998 and 20 October 2003 we have stocked 140,000 catchable sized ( $\geq 9''$ ) rainbow trout and 99,000 brown trout fry at the Al Black Area. Our current Section 7 Consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, reaffirmed with authorization of our Federal Aid Grant F-66-M (Fish Hatchery Operations) in 2002, authorizes us to stock Rainbow and Brown Trout in the Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam. The area of stocking indicated in the Consultation is the Al Black Recreation Area.

We placed two temperature data loggers within the Peña Blanca reach of the Rio Grande 20 June 2003 and retrieved them 17 October 2003 to determine whether water temperatures remained cool enough within the reach to maintain a seasonal trout fishery. The data loggers were placed in about 24" of water and remained covered through the entire sample period. Average

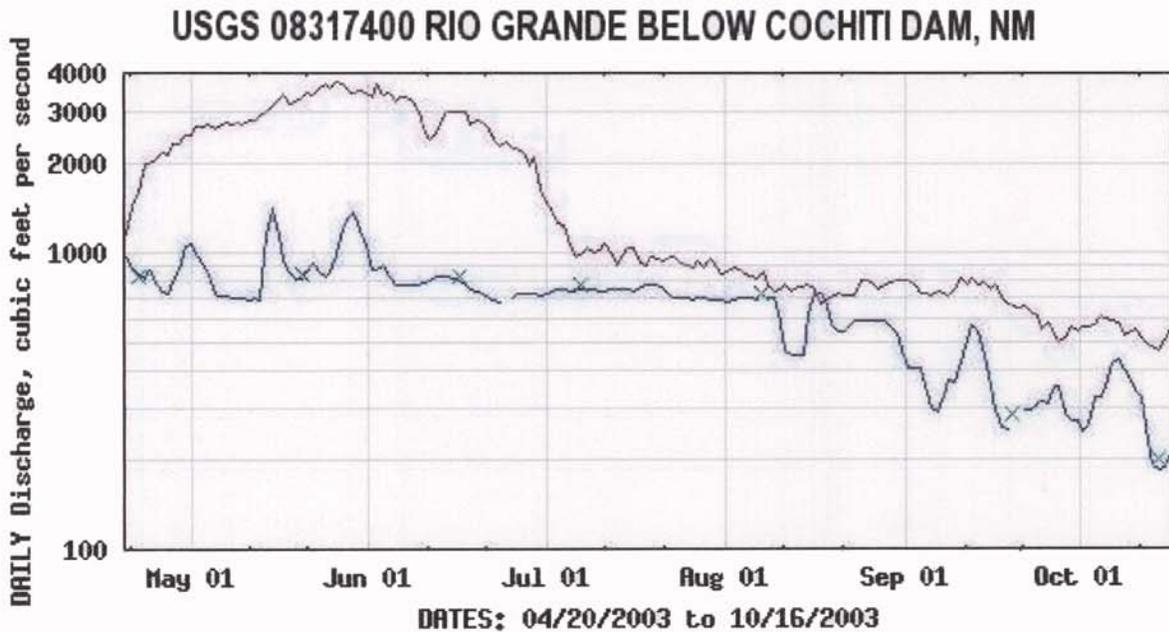
temperatures at the site appear to be suitable for trout until mid-June, and cool off again in mid-September:



Maximum temperatures are borderline for supporting trout in July and August:



Base flows were sufficient to support a fishery the entire sample period:



**EXPLANATION**

- DAILY MEAN DISCHARGE
- MEDIAN DAILY STREAMFLOW BASED ON 32 YEARS OF RECORD
- × MEASURED Discharge

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Concerns expressed in our letter of 28 August 2003 remain in effect, particularly those issues pertaining to local notification and involvement in the project, resolving public access mechanisms, and a more thorough investigation into potential endangered species conflicts. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on potential mitigation of closure of the Al Black Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Hansen, Assistant Chief  
Fisheries Management Division

cc Lisa Kirkpatrick, Conservation Services Division, NMDGF  
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Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki virginalis	-	-	s	-					s
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Rio Grande Chub	Gila pandora	-	-	-	-					s
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Rio Grande Silvery Minnow	Hybognathus amarus	E	g(hm)	E	s					-
-										
Flathead Chub	Platygobio gracilis	-	-	-	s					-
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Rio Grande Sucker	Catostomus plebeius	-	-	s	-					-
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Jemez Mountains Salamander	Plethodon neomexicanus	g	m	T	s				s	n
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Northern Leopard Frog	Rana pipiens	-	-	s	-					-
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Northern Sagebrush Lizard	Sceloporus graciosus graciosus	-	-	-	-					-
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Texas Longnose Snake	Rhinocheilus lecontei	-	-	s	-					-
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Snowy Egret	Egretta thula brewsteri	-	-	s	-					-
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White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	-	-	s	s					-
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Osprey	Pandion haliaetus carolinensis	-	-	s	-					-
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Mississippi Kite	Ictinia mississippiensis	-	-	s	-					-
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Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	T	mg	T	s					-
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Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	-	-	s	s					s
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Common Black-hawk	Buteogallus anthracinus anthracinus	-	-	T	s					-
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Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni	-	-	s	-					-
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Zone-tailed Hawk	Buteo albonotatus	-	-	s	-					-
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Ferruginous Hawk	Buteo regalis	-	-	s	s					-
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American Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	m		T	s					-
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Sora	Porzana carolina	-	-	s	-					-
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Whooping Crane	Grus americana	E	mg	E	s					-
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Western Snowy Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus	-	-	s	-					-
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Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	T		-	s					-
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Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus occidentalis	-	-	s	-					-
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Flammulated Owl	Otus flammeolus	-	-	s	-					-
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Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia hypugaea	-	-	-	s					-
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Mexican Spotted Owl	Strix occidentalis lucida	T	(h)mg	-	s					-
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Black Swift	Cypseloides niger borealis	-	-	-	-					s
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Broad-billed Hummingbird	Cynanthus latirostris magicus	-	-	T	s					-
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Belted Kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	-	-	s	-					-
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Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii extimus	E	h	E	s					-
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Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	-	-	-	s					-
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Gray Vireo	Vireo vicinior	-	-	T	s					-
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Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis ruficrissa	-	-	s	-					-
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American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla tricolora	-	-	s	-					-
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Baird's Sparrow	Ammodramus bairdii	-	-	T	s				s	-
s										

Western Small-footed Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum melanorhinus</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Yuma Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis yumanensis yumanensis</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Little Brown Myotis Bat -	<i>Myotis lucifugus carissima</i>	-	-	-	-	S
Occult Little Brown Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis lucifugus occultus</i>	-	-	S	S	S
Long-legged Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis volans interior</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Fringed Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis thysanodes thysanodes</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Long-eared Myotis Bat S	<i>Myotis evotis evotis</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Spotted Bat S	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	-	T	S	S	-
Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat S	<i>Plecotus townsendii pallescens</i>	-	-	S	S	S
Big Free-tailed Bat S	<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	-	-	-	S	S
Goat Peak Pika S	<i>Ochotona princeps nigrescens</i>	-	-	S	S	S n
Gunnison's Prairie Dog -	<i>Cynomys gunnisoni</i>	-	-	-	-	S
New Mexican Jumping Mouse S	<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>	-	T	S	S	-
American Marten -	<i>Martes americana origenes</i>	-	T	S	-	-

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Wrinkled Marshsnail	Stagnicola caperatus	-	E	s	-	-
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San Ysidro Mealybug	Distichlicoccus fontanus	-	-	-	-	sn
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Socorro Mountainsnail	Oreohelix neomexicana	-	-	-	-	sn
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Pearly Checkerspot Butterfly	Charidryas acastus acastus	-	-	-	-	-
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NATIVE WILDLIFE APPARENTLY NO LONGER OCCURRING IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

Shovelnose Sturgeon	Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus	(extirpated from NM)
American Eel	Anguilla rostrata	(extirpated from NM)
Gizzard Shad	Dorosoma cepedianum	
Rio Grande Bluntnose Shiner	Notropis simus simus	(extinct)
Gray Redhorse	Moxostoma congestum	
Blue Sucker	Cycleptus elongatus	
Freshwater Drum	Aplodinotus grunniens	(extirpated from NM)
Gray Wolf	Canis lupus	
Grizzly Bear	Ursus arctos	(extirpated from NM)
Black-footed Ferret	Mustela nigripes	(extirpated from NM)



**APPENDIX E**

**PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS**

**FOR**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**AND**

**CORPS RESPONSES**

The correspondence contained in Appendix E is arranged chronologically. Following are the Authors, date, and nature of the communication:

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMUNICATION</u>
Sydney E. Dykhuizen	March 15, 2004	Letter
John M. Sharkey	March 7, 2004	Letter
Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society	January 10, 2004	Letter
Tip Top Table Farm	December 4, 2003	Letter
Albuquerque Wildlife Fed.	December 3, 2003	Letter
Corps of Engineers	November 14, 2003	Letter
Forest Guardians	September 8, 2003	Letter
David E. Shultz	August 28, 2003	Letter
Jim Woods	August 28, 2003	Petition
Sheila Gibbens	August 27, 2003	Letter
Albuquerque Wildlife Federation	August 25, 2003	Letter
Pat Vester	August 21, 2003	Letter
Ronald Madsen	August 20, 2003	Letter
Jose & Virginia Ortiz	August 19, 2003	Letter
J.A. Woods	August 19, 2003	E-mail
Ronald Madsen	May 5, 2003	Letter/petition
Corps of Engineers/Madsen	December 19, 2002	Letter
Consuelo V. Annon	August 24, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Becker	August 5, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Muenzer	July 15, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Udall	May 21, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Annon	April 24, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/DeVore	April 22, 2002	Letter
Ronald Madsen	April 12, 2002	Letter/petition
Corps of Engineers/Jaeger	April 1, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Kadisak	March 28, 2002	Letter
Paul Jaeger	March 26, 2002	Letter
Ronald Madsen	March 15, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Johnson	March 12, 2002	Letter
Maureen & Paul Johnson	February 28, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Ransom	March 8, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/Macy	March 8, 2002	Letter
Corps of Engineers/NMDGF	March 8, 2002	Letter
Richard L. Ransom	March 4, 2002	Letter
Edwin E. Macy	February 25, 2002	Letter
Meadowlark Senior Center Fishing Club/Muenzer	March 6, 2002	Letter
New Mexico Department Of Game and Fish	February 20, 2002	Letter

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Letter



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Dear Lt. Colonel Hurst:

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Sincerely

  
Sidney E. Dykhuizen

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Encl:

February 16, 2004

To: The New Mexico Congressional Delegation

From: The Meadowlark Senior Fishing Club

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P.O. Box 22083 Santa Fe, NM 87502-2083

10 January 2004

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Senator Pete Domenici

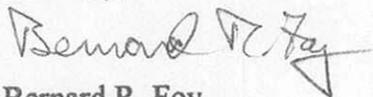
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Dear Senator Bingaman and Senator Domenici:

I am writing on behalf of the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society, representing about 1000 concerned citizens in northern New Mexico. We are gravely concerned about a US Army Corps of Engineers proposal to close the Cochiti Dam spillway to fishing, and to construct a new facility for fishing downstream on MRGCD lands ("Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works . . . .," August 2003). While reasonable people can disagree on the overall benefits to the people of Cochiti Pueblo and on the impact to fishermen in New Mexico, our main concern here is the poor quality of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact issued by the Corps. This is clearly an action which has significant consequences for a precious area of Rio Grande Bosque, which as you know well is a rapidly disappearing habitat type that is vital for the wildlife of New Mexico. The loss of fishing privileges in this highly popular fishing spot has major impact on sportsmen in the state. These two facts alone are clearly sufficient cause to require a full Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

The document prepared by the Corps and issued last August is deficient in many respects. There was clearly inadequate consultation and cooperation with the MRGCD, the NM Game and Fish Department, and local residents in Peña Blanca. Only a few alternatives were given more than cursory examination, and those were dismissed without proper analysis. It was clear that the authors of this document had their minds made up long before any actual work on the EA, public consultation or scoping. I urge you to reject this document out of hand and to ask the Corps to begin a thorough EIS immediately. Sangre de Cristo Audubon does not know today the ideal solution to the difficult problem posed by Cochiti Pueblo's desire to close the current fishing spot, but we are convinced that the answer requires extensive work, creative thought, and cooperation with all involved (especially local non-Pueblo residents). That process has only just begun, and it began badly.

Sincerely,



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4 December 2003

Dear Colonel:

I am writing to comment on last night's Army Corp of Engineers Public Meeting at Pena Blanca regarding the re-location of the Al Black fishing area.

I live in Sile and was informed of this meeting by a fellow organic farmer in Pena Blanca yesterday afternoon. No one in Sile whom I subsequently spoke to had any advance notice of this meeting. I later found out that attendees at the last meeting (which was held outside this community) were informed by mail. I find this limited type of announcement for a Public Meeting to be very disturbing. When the possibility of re-locating this recreational fishing area to Sile was then suggested during your meeting, I find it unconscionable. You scheduled your meeting on the night used to celebrate the Fiesta de Santa Barbara de Sile further precluding any attendance from the Sile community.

I was forced to leave the ACE's meeting before the end to attend the Fiesta and spoke with the vast majority of the over eighty people present there. None had an idea such a meeting was taking place and when I informed them regarding what was said their opposition to locating this fishing area on this side of the river was fairly universal. Sile is for the greatest part private farms extending right into the middle of the river. My farm's eastern boundary is, likewise, the middle of the Rio Grande. This is common as the Rio Grande is a non-navigable river, as you are aware. Should any cattle owner decide to water his stock in the river, I think, that would certainly impact on the appropriateness of these sites (either side of the river) as fishing areas.

Of even greater concern to me of the selection of any site in Sile is the VERY UNSAFE condition caused by the unregulated use of firearms. Gunfire, including high-powered rounds, semi-automatic and fully automatic, is a constant reality in this reach of the river. Last week my wife counted ninety-eight (98) shots between 5:30 AM and when she got out of bed at 7:30 AM. 98 shots! When I walk my own land in the Bosque to check my fences, which are constantly cut by hunters, I put an orange vest on my German Shepherd

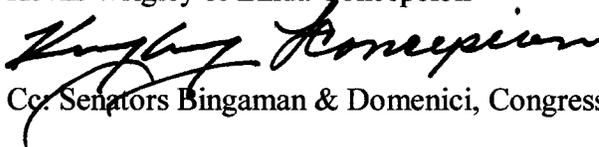
Dog for her safety. This is on MY OWN land. I no longer even bother to call the Sandoval County Sheriff regarding automatic gun fire as their response is either that they can do nothing about it or that they've referred it to the BIA police. Nothing ever happens as far as I can ascertain and I have pursued the issue on several occasions. If the Dept. Of Fish and Game has failed miserably to ameliorate this condition up to now, why would you presume that they would in the future?

In closing, I would like to voice my objection to the selection of either Pena Blanc or Sile for re-locating the AI Black fishing area. Both these communities are so small that the impact of such a recreational area, with the subsequent influx of people, would be tremendous. No one whom I have spoken to on either side of the river objects to fisherman, fishing, the recreational use of the river, etc. in any way. The objection is to the impact that this re-location would cause to these tiny villages.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wrigley & Linda Concepcion

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Concepcion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Cc: Senators Bingaman & Domenici, Congresswoman Wilson



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and natural resources.*

**Albuquerque Wildlife Federation - PO Box 1234 - Albuquerque, NM 87103**

December 3, 2003

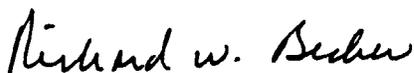
**To: Department of the Army  
Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435**

**From: Richard W. Becker, Ph.D.  
President  
Albuquerque Wildlife Federation**

Dear Sirs,

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the membership of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation:

1. We recognize the purpose of this public meeting, held at Pena Blanca, NM, on December 3, 2003, is for the purpose of soliciting input on the proposed development of the Pena Blanca site as a replacement for the existing Al Black Recreation Area below the Cochiti Dam.
2. We respectfully request that the USACOE and Pueblo of Cochiti re-consider maintaining the existing Al Black Recreation Area.
3. We request that a different management format be considered.
4. For example, an access fee could be charged for the privilege of using this facility.
5. A minimal fee of \$2.00 per day could generate \$100,000 to \$120,000 per year (or more) based on USACOE estimates of angling usage.
6. These funds could be used to cover the cost of operation as well as generate additional income for the Pueblo of Cochiti.
7. Over a ten year period, this could result in an estimated \$1,000,000 (or more) enterprise.

  
Richard W. Becker, Ph.D.



November 14, 2003

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Dear :

Thank you for your comments concerning the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) entitled ***Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.*** This information has been made a part of the public record and will assist the Albuquerque District Corps of Engineers (Corps) in the decision making process and in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

As a result of the information and evidence gathered during the public review of the DEA from Federal, State, local agencies, Indian tribes, organizations, individuals, and the Record of Proceedings from the public meeting held at the Performing Arts Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico on August 28, 2003, the Corps has determined that it is necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this proposal. **The Notice of Intent to Prepare An Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works in Sandoval County NM** was published in the Federal Register in Volume 68, Number 215 on pages 62778-79 on November 6, 2003. Your comments, concerns, and recommendations on the DEA will again be considered in this NEPA decision-making process. You will also be mailed a copy of the draft EIS (DEIS) for your review and comment. The DEIS is tentatively scheduled for release around February 1, 2004.

Although you may already have received a separate mailed announcement, you are invited to attend the following scoping meetings being held to present and discuss alternatives and gather additional information from individuals, governmental agencies, private organizations, and Indian tribes:

December 3, 2003 (Wednesday) from 6 PM to 9PM at the Peña Blanca Senior Citizens Center

December 4, 2003 (Thursday) from 6 PM to 9PM at the Offices of the Albuquerque District Corps of Engineers, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, NM

If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please write or call Mr. Ernest Jahnke, Biologist, at telephone (505) 342-3416.

Sincerely,

Julie Hall, Chief  
Environmental Resources Section

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September 8, 2003

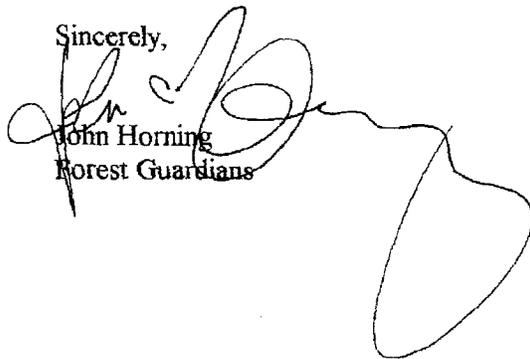
RE: Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area to Pena Blanca  
Via Facsimile (505) 342-2199

Dear Ms. Hall:

Forest Guardians is strongly opposed to the use of the Pena Blanca area for a new recreational zone along the Rio Grande. Based on our cursory review of the Draft Environmental Assessment we find the analysis is lacking in numerous key respects and fails to analyze the cumulative and interdependent effects to native fish and wildlife that would result due to the increased access to the river in this currently undisturbed area.

We believe the Corp should find alternative sites and instead focus on the restoration of the Bosque in this unique area.

Sincerely,

  
John Horning  
Forest Guardians



August 28, 2003

Delivered by hand on August 28,  
2003 to

  
Dick Kreiner

Ms. Cynthia Piirto  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435

Dear Ms. Piirto:

RE: Public comments on the proposed Relocation of the Al  
Black Recreation Area

I am a resident of Pena Blanca and a participant in the MRGC irrigation district. I am directly affected by the proposed relocation

I read carefully the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and dispute its conclusion. I do not believe that the data and arguments presented support the finding. I also believe that data was omitted that would contradict the finding. I believe that the FONSI presented was intended to circumvent the EPA and that the Environmental Assessment seriously understates the undesirable aspects of the project. For that reason I am forwarding my comments and concerns to the EPA as well as the following interested parties:

Board of Directors of the MRGCD  
Sandoval County Sheriff's Department  
NM State Police  
NM Environmental Department  
Sierra Club  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Forest Guardians  
Audubon Society  
Congresswoman Heather Wilson  
Senator Pete Domenici  
Senator Jeff Bingamon

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Representative Tom Udall  
New Mexico Surface Water Quality Bureau  
Federal EPA  
Federal Fish and Wildlife Service  
NEPA

I have included a number of specific questions keyed to the page numbers (where you provide them) in the August 2003 version of the Draft distributed to some residents of Pena Blanca. Please answer in full each question. I also ask for the names and phone numbers of different individuals. Since you are required by law to respond in writing within 30 days. You can send your responses to:

David E. Schultz  
PO Box 1417  
Pena Blanca, NM 87041

(My physical address is 41 Arroyo Leyba Road but I do not have mail service here.)

**Notification:**

1. Why was I not notified nor contacted concerning the proposed relocation and the public meeting?
2. Why was no public notice posted at the local post office? Other Corps of Engineering announcements are there.
3. Why was the public meeting scheduled for Rio Rancho rather than the Pena Blanca/Sile area?
4. Why are all the notification and draft documents in

**Document:**

5. Which individual(s) at the Corps put this Draft together? What are their names? How can we contact them? Are they registered, professional Engineers in the State of New Mexico? What are their credentials?
6. Page 10. Why do you refer to Arroyo Leyba as a County Road? There is no county road designation that I am aware of.
7. Page 10. Nineteen (19) parking stalls are proposed. How many parking places are there currently at the Al Black site? How did you determine that 19 parking stalls would be sufficient?
8. What assurance do we have that this proposal is not just to "get the camel's nose into the tent"? By that I mean, when 19 stalls prove to be inadequate does the Corp plan on expanding the parking from a mere 12,375 square feet to something approaching the Al Black parking area of a couple of acres?
9. Assuming that parking really does stay at 19 stalls, where are all the rest of the cars going to park? Along the levee access 'road'? On Arroyo Leyba Road? On Acequia Road?
10. Page 11. Figure 3. Why are Acequia Road and the Levee Access both drawn the same as 'Gravel Road'? Acequia Road is indeed a 2-lane improved road. The current Levee Access is a one-lane dirt cow path. Why the discrepancy?

11. Page 13. Why are the concerns of the MRGCD being ignored? Ms. C Susan Shampine's (non) response to Mr Shah's letter (for both see Appendix A) is almost laughable if the situation were not so serious. To suggest that all problems of trash dumping, vandalism, and other illegal activities only occur after dark and that locking the gate at dusk 'solves' that problem will come as a surprise to the County Sheriff and State Police. And of course bosque fires only start at night.
12. Page 13. What fire prevention/suppression plans does the Corp have for the proposed site? Who is responsible for fighting any fires at this site? If a fire spreads to private property to whom do we report and collect damages from?. Has this cost been figured into the maintenance/operation budget mentioned?
13. Page 14. Alternative Site 2.04.1 Fishing Pier and Expanding Existing Facilities at Cochiti Lake. What species are available at this alternative site? Page 23-24 indicates that a survey showed only 14 species in the Rio Grande below the dam and then list 18 species. Most of the species listed are warm water. Of the few cold water species listed, some are artificially introduced by stocking. Could alternate cold water species be stocked at the alternate site at Cochiti Lake? What are the sizes of the fish surveyed and when was the collection made relative to the last stocking? What are the ratios of the various fish in the sample collected.

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14. Page 26. Rio Grande Silvery Minnow. There you state that introduction of predator species is one of the possible causes for the decline of the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow. Wouldn't stocking brown trout at the Pena Blanca site increase the predators in a stretch of the river that has more of a potential for Silvery Minnow's than the fast water of the stilling basin at the Al Black site?
15. Page 26. Rio Grande Silvery Minnow. Is the Pena Blanca site in the designated "critical Habitat" for the Silvery Minnow? Is the current Al Black site defined as critical habitat for the silvery minnow or not?
16. Page 28. Bald Eagle. There you state that "There are potential perch sites in the vicinity of the project areas (Al Black and Pena Blanca) where large cottonwoods occur at the rivers edge." Looking at the drawing of the proposed site (Figure 4 page 12) it appears that most if not all of the large cottonwoods have been removed to make room for the parking lot and other 'improvements'. Is this not detrimental to the well being of the resident bald eagles?
17. Page 34. In November 1998, Table 5 indicates that the Al Black area was closed for repairs. How many complaints does the Corps have on file regarding the lack of access to cold water fishing during this time?
18. Page 38. There is "no significant effect on the current use of the land at Pena Blanca." On what basis do you make that determination?

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19. Page 39. "Noise and air quality would return to pre-project ambient levels..." This is a lie—noise and air quality would return to a higher level because of usage of and access to the site—NOT "pre-project ambient levels". What justification do you have for stating "return to pre-project ambient levels"?
20. Page 39. " Closure of the Al Black Recreation Area would result in a decrease in local traffic..." By implication that would cause an increase in local traffic to the Pena Blanca site. What is the current traffic count on Arroyo Leyba Road? What assumptions have been made about the distribution of visits to the proposed site? Obviously, you can't just take the counts from Table 5 or 6 and divide by the number of days in a month or the number of days in a year. Most visitations occur on weekends and holidays. What are the visitor rates by day of week for the individual months?
21. Page 39. " The increase in local traffic should not disrupt the general rural and quite nature of the surrounding area. "What baseline studies have been conducted along the access roads to determine that the increase in traffic won't disrupt the rural and quite nature of the area?
22. Page 39. " .would not likely disturb area residences..." Do you think that a large number of vehicles some of them discharging bottles, cans, left over bait, fish entrails, and/or picnic residue along the access road to the site might disturb area residents? While the site itself may be a quarter mile away the access to/from the site is much closer. What is the distance to the closest privately-owned property from the Al Black site? How many residents of Pena Blanca and Sile are within that same distance to the proposed site?

23. Page 39. "Human noise ... would not likely disturb area residence." Are you proposing a ban on non-human noise, such as, boomboxes, TV, motorhome generators, rifle firing, etc,? What will keep non-human and human noises down on the access roads and throughout the bosque? Who will police these areas to keep the noise down?
24. Page 42-43. "Because the Pena Blanca site is currently an MRGDC managed fee permit **recreational** (emphasis mine) area, only a small increase in traffic is expected to occur on Arroyo Leyba Road." The proposed site at Pena Blanca is not a recreation area according to the information you provided in Appendix A. Mr. Shah refers to "the permit for motor vehicle entrance to the bosque". In fact Mr. Shaw states that the MRGCD "... has neither the budget, the staff, nor the legal mandate to manage a recreational area ..." So calling the existing use of the proposed site a recreation area is in fact incorrect. Why do you call the proposed Pena Blanca site (on page 42 and other places) a recreational area when you have been told explicitly that it is not?
25. Page 42-43 "Because the Pena Blanca site is currently an MRGDC managed fee permit recreational area, **only a small increase in traffic is expected** (emphasis mine) to occur on Arroyo Leyba Road. To make that statement you must know how many people hold the access permit and key to this permit area. What is that number? What is the utilization of the permit holders? Do they access the bosque once a day? once a week? once a month? once a year? What is the traffic base line you are using? What is the expected traffic? What do you consider a small increase? 10% 50%, 100%, 200%?

26. Page 43 "As previously described, construction of the recreational facility would have only minor impacts on the existing natural features of the site." Figure 4 page 12 looks nothing like that portion of river I saw on a recent visit. For one thing, currently the trees and underbrush are dense. So dense it is difficult to get from one place to another only a dozen feet away. For another, Figure 4 does not show the natural vegetation in the river. There are vast mats of heavy growth. Do you plan dredge the river to make it deeper at the floating pier? Do you plan to use herbicides to remove the growth? If so, do you need EPA approval?

#### **Water Use.**

27. In case of drought, as in this year of 2003, will the local farmers/irrigators of the MRGDC have priority to the water OVER the proposed Pena Blanca site? Please provide in writing who will have priority in case of limited water supplies.

#### **Photos**

28. Photographs can tell any story you want. Please provide technical data with each shot—in particular the focal length. In the future please include an object of known size. Several photographs in the Draft (FONSI) are misleading. Taking the same picture from a few feet away with a focal length close to the human eye shows an entirely different scene than those in the Draft.

**Financial:**

29. Page 43. "cost to construct Pena Blanca recreation facility ... \$338,000." Does that include actually making the levee access into a gravel road, as opposed to a dirt road? Have you included in your budget a guardrail to prevent visitors from accidentally dropping into the drain/ditch on the east side of the access road? What is the cost?
30. Page 43 "Annual Operating and maintenance annually" costs ... \$30,000 annually" Is this a lowball figure? It is the same as for the Al Black site. Yet you have the added expense of driving to open and close the gate each day, as well as, to make regular security patrols (bad things happen in the daylight too). How many trips to the Pena Blanca site have you budgeted for?
31. Furthermore, does your budget include trash pick up on the proposed site as well as along all access roads? What is the cost for this service and who will perform it?
32. Who will be responsible for patrolling for fires throughout the bosque area EACH evening before closure? Is this cost in your budget? What is the cost for such a service?
33. Who is responsible for providing emergency medical services to the proposed area? Has this cost been included in your budget? What would the cost be for such a service?
34. What about settlement of the land dispute? Has the cost of future litigation been included in your budget? What is the possible cost of future litigation?

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35. Have you included the cost of repaying damages to private property owners caused by illegal fires?
36. Is the cost of fighting a fire in the area in your budget? What is the cost for this service?
37. What if someone is locked inside the bosque overnight and needs the gate opened? Who has the authority to unlock the gate? How will the locked-in visitor get a call to the gate authority? Are such emergencies budgeted for?
38. The Corps proposes to add an access boundary to prevent vehicles from driving through the bosque. Will this prevent access of the bosque by ATV, motorcycles, and motorized bikes? Is the cost of this access boundary included in the budget? How much would it cost?
39. Who is responsible for keeping visitors to the proposed site off of private property that surrounds the area? Is the cost of this individual's services included in your budget?

The Draft for relocating the Al Black recreation area to Pena Blanca is flawed. It is based on data that has not been supplied and leaves many questions regarding who has authority and responsibilities in what areas and whether the budget includes general, daily, and emergency services. Please provide written answers to these 39 points.

Sincerely,



David E. Schultz  
505/465-0322

Date: August 28, 2003

To: U.S. Corps of Engineers and Others Involved in Proposed Change to the AI Black Recreation Area at Cochiti Dam. As local citizens of the proposed area at or near Pena Blanca to be affected, we respectfully request the following:

1. That more meetings be scheduled in order to engage all parties and issues surrounding the proposed project.
2. That what has been stated in the proposal documents as "disputed property" be described and explained in writing. To include all disputed property which may affect proposed AI Black relocation site.
3. That the inevitable disturbance that will be caused with daily human incursions on the riparian and wildfowl habitat (i.e. the current rest, feeding areas, and patterns etc. in the area surrounding the proposed site) be studied and reported by agencies and organizations qualified to do so. This so as to determine consequential changes and effects.
4. That the actual traffic numbers at existing AI Black Facility over it's years of operation, and the potential future traffic number be disclosed in writing.
5. That all problems associated with the existing AI Black Facility that are known to current supervisor/operators and complaints made by the Cochiti's, or others, over it's years of operation be made known, examined, and considered.
6. That it be made clear, in writing, who is to run and be responsible for the proposed facility, should the facility be approved and constructed and who will redress problems and complaints?
7. That it be made clear, in writing, under what right is the controller of the facility to be granted control?
8. That it be made clear, in writing, how the existing permanent easement at the AI Black area of Cochiti Lake granted to the U.S. Public via the U.S. Government can be given away without U.S. Public input and consent.
9. That all consequences of the proposed project be studied and disclosed as to the effects on the privacy, security, peace and quiet and other existing characteristics of what is a rural community. This to include consequences and problems known to be encountered with the inevitable increase in and presence of vehicular traffic and people from outside the community. This on what is a lightly traveled road (Arroyo Leyba Road) and rarely visited area (river and surrounding area).
10. That all parties be provided with a comprehensive list of measures and options that we as affected citizens have in order to reject this project should it be found to be detrimental to the common interest or the integrity of circumstances surrounding the proposed site.

SIGNED	DATE	
<u>Jim Woods</u>	<u>Aug. 28 '03</u>	<u>Roy Rinard 8/28/03</u>
<u>Gregory Bergmark</u>	<u>August 28, 2003</u>	<u>Mark H. Myers 8/28/03</u>
<u>Wesley Schick</u>	<u>8/28/03</u>	<u>Korena Uhl 8/28/03</u>
<u>J E Vesten</u>	<u>8/28/03</u>	<u>Sam Uhl 8-28-03</u>
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US Army Corps of Engineers

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Please address all correspondence to:

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P.O. Box 1465  
Pena Blanca, NM 87041



Operations Technical Support  
Army Corp of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

August 27, 2003

RE: Closure of Al Black Spillway and  
Move to Pena Blanca

Dear Ms. Champine,

I live in the Pena Blanca bosque and have done so for over seven years. Your proposal to open the area adjacent to my property to fishing as a replacement to the closure of the Cochiti Lake spillway is missing important facts, is misleading and poorly researched. As I discussed with you more than a year ago in our hour long conversation, there are a number of problematic issues about the Pena Blanca bosque and I was disappointed to say the least that none of the issues I raised were addressed in the Corp Plan and Assessment. In fact, it appears that the Corp has purposely avoided full disclosure and discussion of the impacts the move would make on the area where I live.

In short, the plan with its "discussion " and "findings" is irresponsible, dangerous and without any regard to the people and the property it impacts.

Since I live right where this proposed area is, I believe I know more than anyone about the area and its problems. The proposed area would surround my property on two sides. Some of my concerns are:

1. PRIVATE PROPERTY – the area you are proposing on leasing from the MRGCD is surrounded on 3 of its 4 sides with Private Property. This was NOT MENTIONED in your proposal. Your proposal paints a picture that the area in question is adjacent to pueblo land and MRGCD land. In your letter to the MRGCD dated 3/31/03 you state that "as required by NEPA copies of the draft Environmental Assessment will be sent to all adjacent property owners for comment and resolution of expressed concerns."

I know of NO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WHO RECEIVED THE REPORT. Some of us received it by having to request it from you. This shows obvious bad faith on your part and the Corps part.

2. FIRE – Pena Blanca is one of the 25 towns most at risk for catastrophic fire in the state of New Mexico according to the NM State Fire Marshall's office. During the day we have one volunteer fireman who happens to work in PB. If we had a major fire our small volunteer fire department (5-6 people) would be unable to cope. And my houses and many of those in town would be at great risk of burning. During prior fires in the town, we received help from Cochitit Lake and Bernalillo (30 minutes away). We never received help from either pueblo – rather

we provide help to them. Just one month ago, the largest building in Pena Blanca burned to the ground over the course of 3 days. Even though COCHITI PUEBLO OWNED the building, they did not come to help put out the fire. Need I say more? It is unrealistic and wishful thinking to expect the pueblos to come to our aid in a fire.

Illegal fires are not infrequent in our bosque, even when they are banned. Last year I found an illegal campfire 40 feet from my fence line on the north side that had spread outside its bounds and caught adjacent vegetation on fire. Only by God's grace and my coming home earlier than expected and seeing the smoke was the fire prevented from burning down my house – ½ hour later and my house would have been gone.

People using the new fishing area would without doubt set campfires. Any ban will not stop them. It hasn't in the past.

3. ALCOHOL USE - NO SIGN WILL STOP THIS – PB sits between Indian Pueblos that have banned alcohol use on their property. The only liquor store in 20 miles is in Pena Blanca. Guess where the locals and Native Americans who wish to drink and party go – THE BOSQUE. Many a time I have had to call the police and if they come (they cover huge areas) it takes them 30-45 minutes to get there. When the MRGCD gate was open, it was very common to have drunk men parked at my gate. I'd have to get by them usually at night to get home. Not a safe situation. I've also come home and found drunken men sitting on my patio furniture. Your suggestion to Mr. Shah of the MRGCD that closing the gate at night would handle the problem is naïve (to say it kindly). The drinking starts as soon as the liquor store opens 9AM.

Many times the drinking also brings fights, noise, fires and unfortunately, gunfire. It seems shooting your gun while you drink is a local sport. I've met many people down here in the bosque that have close calls with bullets- within feet. Your proposal will open up the bosque again to alcohol abuse and its problems but on a much grander scale. Fishing and drinking will also go on. Unless there is a FULL TIME dedicated patrol person, your sign idea saying "no drinking" is truly absurd!

4. SHOOTING OF GUNS - The shooting of guns is a daily occurrence when the gate is open. On a number of occasions I have heard more than 100 rounds in 10 minutes with this level of shooting going on for an hour. There are all sorts of guns - rifles, shotguns, repeating shotguns. Semi-automatics, hand gun and even a 50-mm gun (as per Murray Lewis of the PB Mainline Bait Shop). I've learned to distinguish them all.

BUT, when drunks, mean SOB's, children and irresponsible hunters and gun users shoot where others are this is a real problem. AND when one purposely shoots a semi-automatic from the west side of the river toward the east side and shoots at one's child as happened to me 3 years ago, you try to get shooting banned except for hunting – the town rejected this proposal. The bullets hit my buildings and my daughter dove for cover. But this is the level of danger down here. You won't stop the shooting.

This is also one of the few remaining duck hunting areas left. People from as far away as Los Lunas come to hunt duck here. This is in the same area, north of my

property as where your proposed area is. Duck hunters and fishermen all in a 2,000-foot riverbank. I don't think the duck hunters will find any duck. Since the gate has been locked, the hunters that come here have been respectful and very responsible. We no longer have the drinking duck hunters that start the ETOH at 6:30 AM and it's been much safer for everyone. Open the gate and the same problem will arise.

HUNTING IS EVERYDAY. The Native Americans come here to hunt songbirds and magpie for their feathers, robins to eat, and shoot at other things too – turtles etc. They do not adhere to any hunting season. It is not their way.

I have also seen people shoot at osprey. People also SHOOT DOGS - I have had 2 of my dogs shot. One died soon after being shot. The other was shot by my driveway by a rifle from (according to the vet) a distance of about 150 yds. MY vet bill was over \$800. My dogs are my only protection and help me herd cattle, warn me of trespassers, and keep the coyote at bay. If your proposal happens I'll have to tie them up at all times which will eliminate the protective element they provide.

5. CRIME – Bringing 70,000 to 100,000 or more people into an area not only stresses it But it also brings crime. HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF AND MY PROPERTY? I already have had a number of people trespass on to my property, remove my NO TRESPASS signs and even pull up my fence posts. Since the proposed fishing area is within sight of and less than a ¼ mile from my house how do I keep people from coming onto on my land?. One of your color pictures in your proposal shows my buildings in the background as the man stands by the river. He is standing there to show the possible fishing areas. THIS IS RIGHT NEXT TO MY HOUSE. I AM A WOMAN ALONE IN MY HOUSE. TELL ME HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF from that many people –drunks, druggies, thieves and people capable of much more? I am NOT overreacting – please talk to our local law enforcement!  
Pena Blanca now has developed a major drug problem CRACK COCAINE. Everyone in town knows it. We've got a number of dealers in town. We are all really worried that the crack dealing and using will move from town to the bosque area.

6. DEATHS AND ACCIDENTS - There have already been 4 deaths (murders) back here in the PB bosque that I know about. 3 handled by Sandoval County, 1 by the BIA. Two have occurred in the last 6 years (since I've been here). The last was 2 years ago. HOW MANY MORE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF YOUR PLAN? Have you ever seen a dead young man? I promise to personally call you when the next one occurs - this will happen only if your plan goes through. ACCIDENTS – only minor ones since the gate was locked. Before that we had 2 men run over by trucks since I've been here and a number of other accidents/injuries that I did not witness. Alcohol is the prime reason.

7. HABITAT DESTRUCTION - The Native Americans come to our bosque to cut live cottonwoods. They then come back in a few years after it's dried to cut the wood. You will see many stumps as you walk through the bosque. They cut the large trees.  
I have seen so many cut down in the past 7 years. And there are no new ones coming up due to the constant cattle grazing.

Nurseries also come to the PB bosque to steal the New Mexico Privet also called the New Mexico Olive. This is a low water use, highly decorative, fire resistant native tree that is very much desired by nurseries and gardeners. It also is an excellent berry bearing tree or shrub for birds. I have seen literally thousands stolen from the bosque here, representing \$10s of thousands of dollars worth. This plant is Not the Russian olive, which comes in where the slower growing NM olive once stood. The loss of the cottonwoods and NM olives represent habitat destruction that affects the bird and riparian habitats.

Once the MRGCD gate is open these thefts and destruction will continue but due to the volume of people, at an accelerated rate.

8. POOR FISHING - You are planning to spend a large amount of taxpayer money to develop an area that for 8 months out of the year is not suitable for fishing. When the river runs low and slow as it has the last few drought years the river fills up with riverweed. Please SEE MY PICTURES OF WHAT THE RIVER LOOKS LIKE IN SUMMER. Please come on down and look. I wish my garden would be as green and full of plants as the river. Throw a line in and you'll get a good catch of seaweed. Also when the river runs low like this the trout aren't around – fishing's terrible. Lots of suckers though and that's just what people will think when they try to catch fish here. Oh, they'll be real happy with your good judgement. This is supposed to be a 20-year drought isn't? Well there is always drinking and partying and lighting fires to keep them busy if there is no good fishing. AND WITH NO DEDICATED ON SITE FULL-TIME PARK RANGER, WHY NOT?
9. LIABILITY - Since I have 2 lakes and 1 pond on my property I am very concerned about trespassers and my liability. My lakes are former gravel pits and the banks are very steep with deep water. Especially with the disregard many people have for private property and trespassing I am concerned not only with crime, thefts and property damage, but also for the potential financial liability I will have and the potential problems when people climb over my fence line and fish on my lakes (even if there are no fish there) and if they drown???? AND your plan is called "No Significant Impact..." As I've said trespassing and fishing on my lakes illegally has already been a problem, but that was with very few people down here. This will be a major problem for me if your plan goes through. AND HOW WILL YOU HANDLE IT?
10. DAMAGE TO ARROYOS AND DITCH BANKS - There are many ATVs and dirt bikes in town. With your proposal, visitors will also bring their own. How are you going to prevent the damage to the banks from these vehicles? The MRGCD just rebuilt Arroyo Leyba last year after it continued to overflow on to adjacent property, including mine. The need for this was in part due to the damage due to bikes and ATVs – the kids love to go up and down the walls and do jumps etc.

Someone also had brought down a loader and removed ditch bank dirt in order that cars and trucks could access the better fishing areas (back when there was water in the river) and take some back road to get there. This resulted in flooding to adjacent property as well as erosion to the riverbank itself for 800 feet due to tons of water washing outside of the arroyo.

11. **DEAD ANIMALS** - You'll smell some right now at the MRGCD gate. Dumping dead animals – horses, cows, giant bulls, pig heads, household pets (with their legs tied together and shot), goats, deer innards and various other once living creatures – happens regularly. Thank god for the coyotes. But it does add to the ambience and rural quality. Visitors will appreciate the reminder of the fragility of life and dust to dust . . .
12. **TRAFFIC** - 70,000 to 111,000 or more a year visiting down here is what is estimated. That's about 25,000 to 90,000 cars – coming and going equals 50,000 TO 180,000 VEHICLES ON OUR BACK ROADS A YEAR. And to quote your "Finding of No Significant Impact.." "only a small increase in traffic is expected to occur on Arroyo Leyba Road" (p. 43) when this is the prime road used to access your proposed area. This is a prime example of **THE FACTUAL MANIPULATION AND PURPOSEFUL AVOIDANCE OF FULL DISCLOSURE THAT OCCURS IN YOUR PROPOSAL.** Only about 75 people have keys to the MRGCD gate on Arroyo Leyba Road. To say that the effect in traffic of 70,000 people or more using the road is "only a small increase" over the occasional use by 75 people is an incredible distortion of the truth. That truly makes me ashamed and horrified that we have a governmental agency that is out of control and hell bent on getting what it wants, no matter what the facts.

This amount of traffic will also drive on dirt roads directly adjacent to my property and within 150 feet of my daughter's bedroom window. At the corner of Arroyo Leyba and Acequia Roads – where the MRGCD gate is there are 3 homes to be built shortly.

13. **VEHICLE ACCIDENTS** - When the gate was open there was an average of 1 vehicle a week either stuck in the sand or driven off the ditch or arroyo bank. Myself and other local people helped these people out. With the huge increase in proposed traffic be prepared to have a tow truck available at all times since such events would be a daily occurrence. I know those of us close by will not help in the future. **WHO WILL HANDLE ACCIDENTS?**
14. **STRESS ON LOCAL RESOURCES** - Our small volunteer fire department (who also man the ambulance) cover Santo Domingo Pueblo, any accidents on I-25 from La Bajada down to San Felipe, PB and other local communities. They simply do not have the resources to handle any more and most if not all have full time jobs. **HOW DO YOU PLAN TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES?**

**SINCE YOU ARE NOT ALLOCATING ANY MORE MONEY THAN AL BLACK STILLING BASIN'S BUDGET (\$30,000 a year for maintenance, trash clean up, occasional**

patrolling) FOR DEALING WITH ANY OF THE ISSUES I'VE PREVIOUSLY RAISED WITH YOU, I strongly believe that your proposal is irresponsible, unrealistic and developed by people who have no idea what they are talking about. Your manipulation of facts to suit your agenda discredits any possible credible evaluation the Corp has done to further the proposal.

All of the landowners and MRGCD members on Arroyo Lebya, Acequia and Abverdero Roads are against this proposal with one exception. Please listen to our voices. Many of us have lived here all of our lives. They and I know the area and its problems well. We are not exaggerating. Please listen and understand that opening an area like the Pena Blanca bosque without very carefully evaluating the risks and consequences is not in the public's best interest. We know you are most anxious to get rid of the legal responsibility incumbent on you by your decision to close the stilling basin. Unless you have a heck of a lot more money to spend, the PB bosque is not a place to open to the public.

Yours truly,

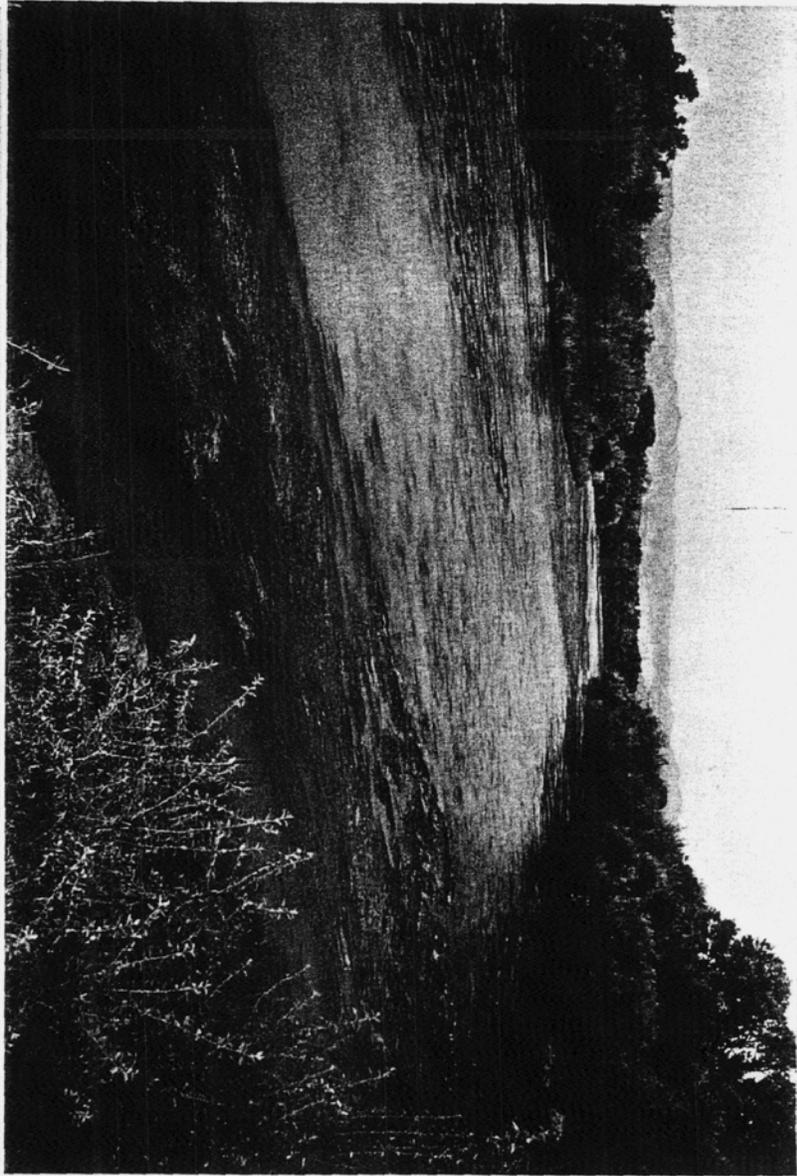
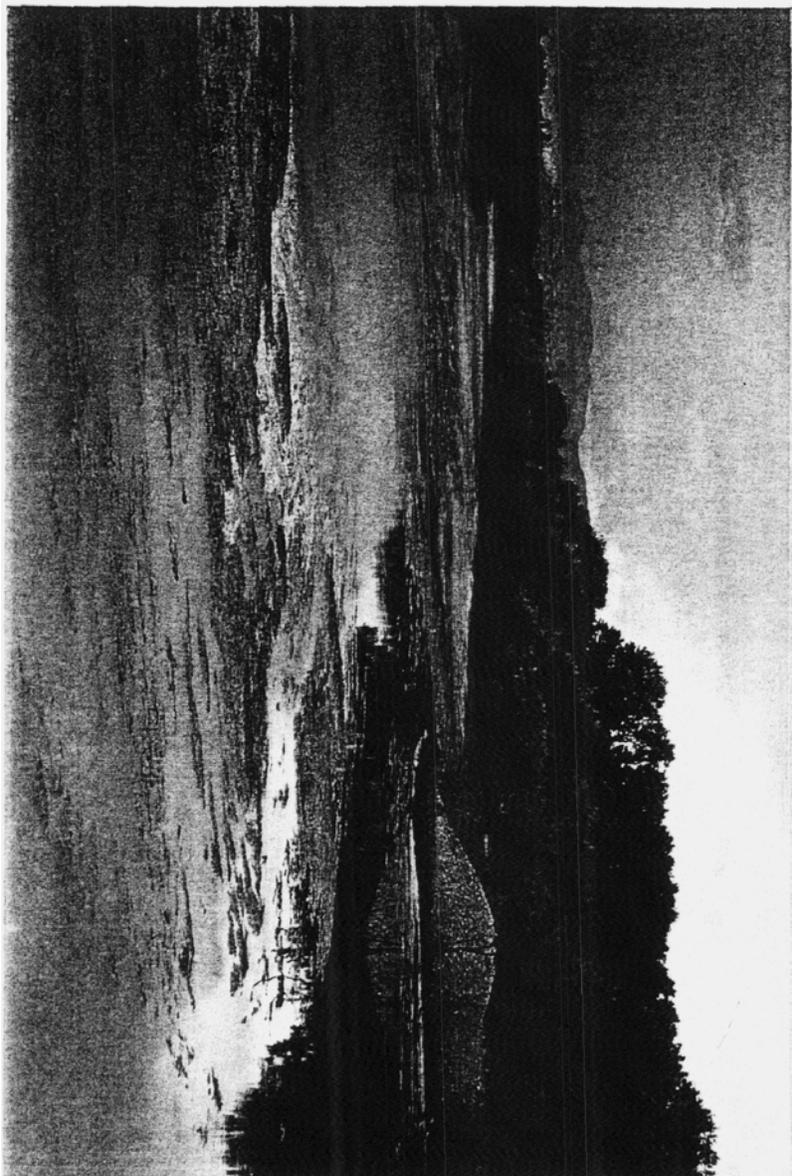


Sheila Gibbens, PA-C, MAS

P.S. Yes indeed there are Bald Eagles down here. They perched on my trees almost daily all last winter and into spring.

Cc: Mr. Subhas Shah, MRGCD  
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August 25, 2003

Dear Ms. Hall,

The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation (AWF) and the New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF) are opposed to the closure of the Al Black Recreation Area. We have reviewed the Draft EA document and are most dismayed at your proposed closure of Al Black Recreation Area and relocation to the Pena Blanca site. To say that there is no significant human impact is ludicrous when 60,000 people, or more, annually use this site!

Most troubling in this proposal are the following items:

- The lack of documentation or data from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish as to the actual capability of the Pena Blanca site to support a public fishery.
- The lack of documentation or data from any fishery surveys conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service or from a private contractor.
- Presenting only the possibility of acquiring the Pena Blanca site through a negotiating process with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), when in their letter (contained in the appendix) the MRGCD recommends finding a different site.
- Indicating the need for a congressional appropriation of over \$600,000 to complete the Al Black restoration and new project development at Pena Blanca when there is no guarantee that such funding will be made available in the future, if ever.
- No proposed time line for implementing these projects.

Finally, we are troubled by the fact that this public meeting was scheduled before a major holiday that falls on a weekend (Labor Day) and no further meetings have been scheduled. In particular, no meetings have been scheduled with the residents of the Pena Blanca area.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard W. Becker'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Richard W. Becker, Ph.D.  
President  
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Ms. Cynthia Piirto  
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Dear Ms. Piirto:

I have read the draft of *Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Peña Blanca Sandoval Count., New Mexico* which was sent to my neighbors and forwarded to me and my husband at 41 Arroyo Leyba Road.

**I do not want the recreation area which will be a ½ mile of my property. Why?**

1. **Four-hundred (400) cars a day on the road by my property (Arroyo Leyba Road).** I get sick with massive exposure to hydrocarbons. Relocation of the recreation area to Peña Blanca will adversely impact my health and my neighbors.
2. **Pollution from the traffic will be in the air, the plants and the animals on my farm.** I have an organic farm. Relocation of the recreation area to Peña Blanca will adversely impact my business.
3. **Traffic, noise, and trash will decrease property values.** My husband and I purchased this property recently. If we had been informed of the Corps intentions, we would not have purchased the property. Relocation of the recreation area to Peña Blanca will adversely impact the property value of my farm and house and those of my neighbors.
4. **Additionally, the recreation area will only be 10 miles off one of the best "drug-running highways of America."** Relocation of the recreation area to Peña Blanca will adversely impact my safety and that of my neighbors.

The report seems biased in placing the recreation area in Peña Blanca and I wonder why that is so. I also noted that little was made alternative--installing a fishing pier and expanding existing facilities at the Cochiti Lake Recreation Area, for which your own report says, ". . . *this proposal would be acceptable to the Pueblo.*" Why not put the recreation area there?

Sincerely,

  
Pat E. Vester  
41 Arroyo Leyba Rd.

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Page 2  
August 21, 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall:

This letter contains my comments on the DEA/FONSI entitled **Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works to Pena Blanca, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

General Comments:

The conclusions drawn in the DEA/FONSI are either built on the hopes and dreams of the Corps or on lies and deceit. In spite of letters from the NMDGF and the MRGCD expressing doubt about the fishing potential and the recreational potential of the alternate site, the Corps draws exactly opposite conclusions. When addressing the fact that the alternate site might not support trout, the Corps states, "If water quality parameters were determined to be insufficient, the NMDGF would have to identify an alternative stocking strategy within existing biological constraints." Since when does the Corps of Engineers determine where and what the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is required to stock? And in spite of the fact that the MRGCD is "strongly opposed" the DEA states "The Corps anticipates resolving any of the MRGCD's reservations about the use of the area as a recreation site." Are these Corps conclusions hopes and dreams or lies and deceit?

According to the DEA, fishing is a major activity at the current Al Black Area with 37.86% of the visitors participating. However, comparisons of the fishing potential at the alternate site versus the existing site are not included in the DEA. Why are the water depths, water temperatures and oxygenation of the two sites not compared? The reason most likely is that there would be a poor comparison. The existing Al Black Recreation Area has ideal conditions that will hold trout in the area while the proposed site does not. The new site has none of the features such as deep, cool, highly oxygenated water with an abundance of small fish and other food sources as occurs at the dam outlet. If trout are stocked at the new location, they will eventually migrate to the dam tail waters at the present Al Black Recreation Area.

In 1965, the American taxpayers bought an easement in perpetuity to approximately 4000 acres to include Cochiti Dam, lake and recreational areas. There is no legal reason to give up public access to such a popular well-used area. Taking this area away from the

public and giving it to the Cochiti Pueblo is a clear example of discrimination against the public in favor of the Indians.

There is a persistent rumor that the area is being given to the Indians as additional payment for renewing the power line easement to the Tetilla Peak Recreation Area. This should be addressed in the final version of the environmental assessment with an accounting of the negotiations on the power line easement renewal. It is noted that an agreement was reached to turn the Al Black Recreation Area over to the pueblo on November 8, 2001. When did the power line agreement occur?

The Cochiti Pueblo operated the concession at the dam outlet from 1975 to 1984 and then turned the operation over to the Corps because it was not profitable. So from 1975 to 1984 it was operated as a for-profit business and in 2001 the area became culturally significant. One might suspect that the pueblo's desire to exclude the public is due more to a change of administration at the pueblo than long-term cultural values. In fact, a member of the Meadowlark Senior Fishing Club has talked with Cochiti Pueblo members at the Al Black Recreation Area who do not want the area closed.

That the public is being asked to pay another \$622,000 to close and restore the existing Al Black Area and (maybe) develop another area adds insult to injury. Not only does the public lose an excellent, well developed, functional recreational area the inferior, proposed recreational area may never be built. In addition to the reservations expressed by the NMDGF and the opposition expressed by the MRGCD, it is noted that Congressional approval is required to construct the proposed alternative. Therefore, the alternative site may never be built. This fact is all but ignored in the hopes and dreams written in the DEA/FONSI.

Why is there no time schedule in the DEA/FONSI? From conversations with the Corps, we expect that the existing Al Black Recreation Area will be closed soon after the Environmental Assessment is completed. However, the new site is neither approved nor funded and is likely to be years from completion if ever. If this relocation occurs, the existing Al Black Recreation Area should not be closed until the new area is built and operational.

It appears that the timing of the DEA/FONSI release was chosen to minimize public notice. The comment period extends through August, which is a popular vacation month, the public meeting occurs on the evening before the Labor Day weekend, and the comment period ends the day after Labor Day.

#### Specific Comments:

Page 4: It is noted that this action is a "first step toward reconciliation." What follows the first step and who pays for what follows?

Page 5: How will closing the Al Black Recreation Area affect the pueblo's farming?  
How will closing the Al Black Recreation Area affect the pueblo's language retention?

How will closing the Al Black Recreation Area affect the pueblo's sense of community?  
How will closing the Al Black Recreation Area affect the pueblo's attachment to the riparian landscape?

Page 10: The DEA/FONSI states that fast current and deep-water depths prevents access to the west side from the east bank (at the alternate site). On the contrary, during most of the year, water releases from Cochiti Dam are such that much of the river is wadable and the west side is readily accessible. On one visit to the area, an 80-year-old friend accompanied me. We both waded much of the river and were on the west side much of the time. If comparable numbers of fisherman use the proposed site as now use the Al Black Area, people wading in the shallow water will move the fish out of the public area onto the Cochiti and Santo Domingo Pueblo lands which are closed to the public. It should be noted that the water is far too deep to wade at the dam outlet.

Page 13: The pier proposed to be built at the new area is to accommodate water elevations to 4 feet but gauge elevations reach 5.8 feet at current maximum discharges of 7,400 cfs and discharges of up to 10,000 cfs are being considered. Will the proposed new pier wash away (if ever built)? The current Al Black Recreation Area does not flood. Will the proposed area flood in flows of 7,400 cfs or 10,000 cfs?

Page 13: The DEA/FONSI states "This alternative recreation site would satisfy all criteria associated with proximity to Al Black, presence of a coldwater recreational fishery, site availability and accessibility." How can the conclusion be drawn that this site would be a coldwater recreational fishery when no evidence is given anywhere in the document? Also comparisons should be made on the quality of the expected fishery versus what is now available at the dam outlet.

Page 36: The statement that "there would be a slight improvement in the quality of recreation experience" is an example of the hopes and dreams of the authors in this document. The fishing experience will be greatly decreased and there is no evidence that there will be any improvement in other recreational experiences.

Page 38: The document states, "Effects from the substitution of one fishing facility with a qualitatively superior location are not expected to affect local employment or earnings." What proof is there that this is a qualitatively superior location? What proof is there that there will even be a 12-month coldwater fishery? What proof is there that stocked trout will even remain in the vicinity of the proposed pier? Why are there no comparisons of the water depth, water temperatures and water oxygenation at the existing and proposed locations? Also since the establishment of the new site is by no means certain, how will local employment and earnings be affected if the existing area is closed and no new one built?

Page 39: The document states, "The increase in local traffic should not disrupt the generally rural and quiet nature of the surrounding area." On page 43 it states, "... only a small increase in traffic is expected to occur on Arroyo Leyba Road." Current usage of the Al Black Recreation Area ranges from 60,000 to 111,000 visitors per year (Corps

estimate). At 70,000 visitors per year, it averages 194 visitors per day and of course some days will have much higher visit rates. Is this only a small increase in traffic on Arroyo Leyba Road that should not disrupt the generally rural and quiet nature?

Page 42: A “similar or acceptable coldwater recreational fishery opportunity” is the hope and dream for the new site. However, no comparisons of water parameters to show similarity between the two sites are given. And if this site is as inferior for fishing as we expect, who will find it acceptable? Even if the fish stocking is similar to what now occurs at Al Black, it is expected that the fish will soon move off the public area and into water not available to the public.

Page 43: Similar operating costs are assumed for the existing and proposed sites. But elsewhere there is a promise to lock the area at sunset and open it at sunrise. Is this not an example of an additional cost for the new area? Also what recourse would a visitor have who arrives at the area and discovers the attendant has overslept and the area is still locked?

Page 44: The document states, “The establishment of the proposed Pena Blanca recreation area would mitigate the significant adverse impacts on recreation resources associated with the closure of the Al Black Recreation Area.” It is highly questionable that funding, Congressional approval and MRGCD approval will all occur allowing establishment of the Pena Blanca recreation area. There is no evidence given that a fishery comparable to the Al Black area exists or can be established in the Pena Blanca area. THE EXISTING AL BLACK AREA SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED UNTIL THE NEW AREA IS ESTABLISHED AND PROVEN TO BE A VIABLE SUBSTITUTE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Madsen".

Ronald Madsen

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August 19, 2003

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Dear Ms. Hall:

In response to your letter of July 30, we thank you for sending us a copy of the draft environmental assessment entitled, "Relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area..." We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the proposed relocation of this recreation area adjacent to our property. However, please note that we are responding only for ourselves and not for the other co-owners of this same property.

After careful perusal of this document, we have a few concerns. Our adjacent property will be more susceptible to acts of vandalism and sanitation problems due to the increased use of the proposed recreation site. However, if the recreation area is patrolled and kept clean, this expected problem may be alleviated.

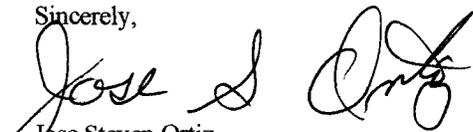
Another concern of ours is that of increased traffic, particularly on Arroyo Leyba Road. This narrow road, as well as Abrevadero and Acequia roads, are used by many pedestrians, ourselves included, as walking and jogging trails. Because traffic is light and, in most cases, traveled on only by local residents, there has never been any danger to these pedestrians. As noted on page 37 of the draft, in 2001 there were 85,760 visitors to the Al Black recreation area. If visitation to the Pena Blanca site continues even at this level, pedestrians on these narrow roads certainly will be in danger. A solution to this perceived problem is widening of the existing roads and the inclusion of pedestrian trails.

If these concerns are addressed and corrected, we would not have any objection to the proposed relocation of the Al Black recreation area at the Cochiti Dam outlet works to the Pena Blanca site.

An additional comment: The Corps has scheduled a public meeting for comment on this assessment in Rio Rancho. We find this a bit problematic. Why wasn't this public meeting held in Pena Blanca? Most of the property owners affected by this proposal live in Pena Blanca. Visitors travel to the recreation site; certainly they could travel to Pena Blanca to present their comments. Instead, we the property owners must travel to Rio Rancho for this meeting. It doesn't seem appropriate or fair to us.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express our comments.

Sincerely,

  
Jose Steven Ortiz

  
Virginia E. Ortiz

xc: Kenny and Deann Quintana  
Yvonne Leyba



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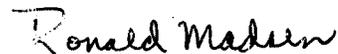
Dear Ms. Pierto:

Per our recent telephone conversation, enclosed are 10 pages of petitions with names, addresses and signatures of 119 persons who do not want to lose public access to the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam spillway.

Please send these people copies of the Environmental Assessment addressing the Al Black Recreation Area as well the people who have signed the petitions that I sent to the Corps earlier.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ronald Madsen



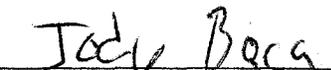
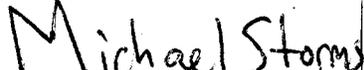
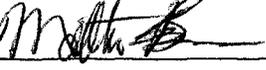
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, PROTEST THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE AL BLACK RECREATION AREA AT COCHITI DAM. THIS POPULAR FISHING SITE IS VISITED BY 70,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR AND SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS AS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

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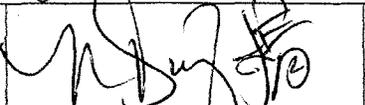
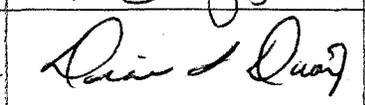
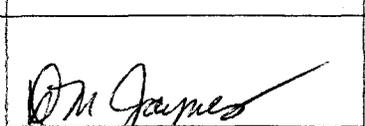
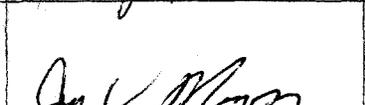
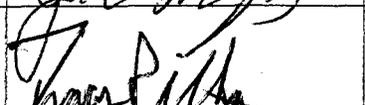
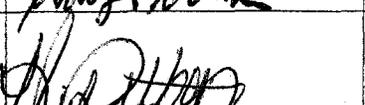
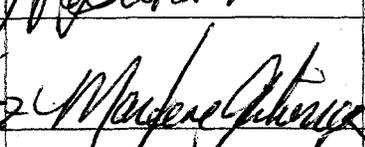
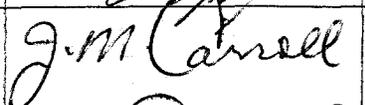
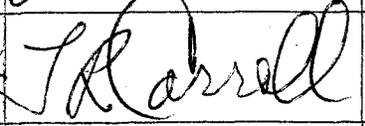
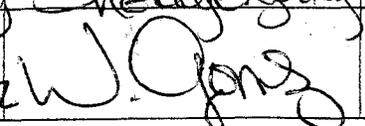
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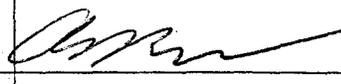
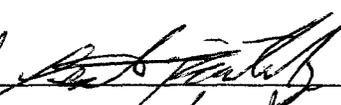
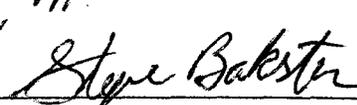
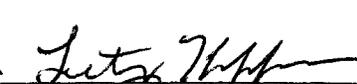
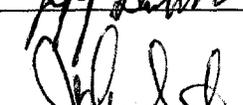
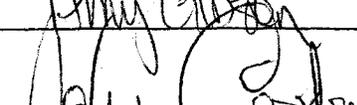
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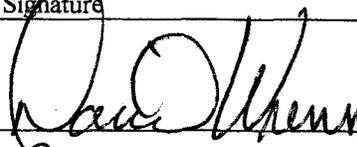
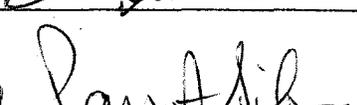
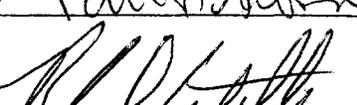
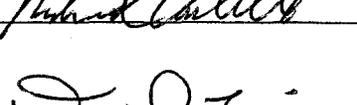
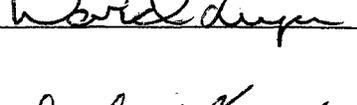
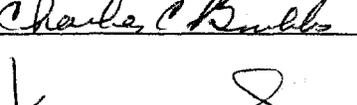
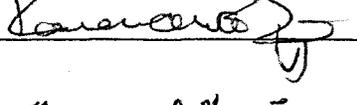
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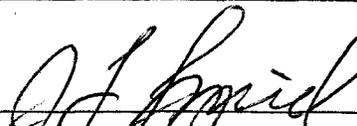
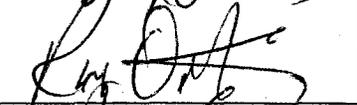
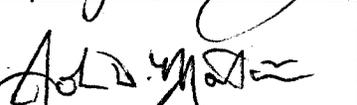
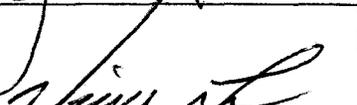
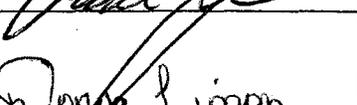
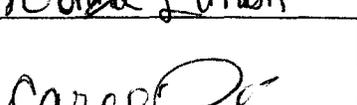
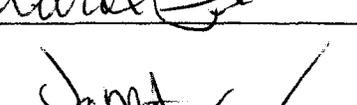
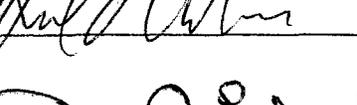
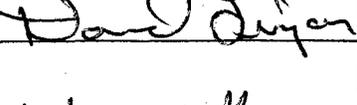
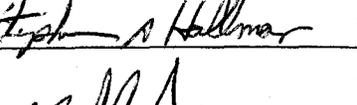
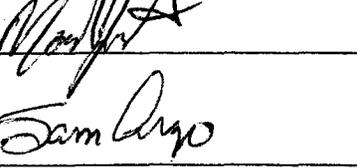
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*Operations Division*

December 13, 2002

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Mr. Ronald Madsen  
512 Turner Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87123

Dear Mr. Madsen:

This letter is in response to your correspondence addressed to Lt. Colonel Midkiff, dated October 14, 2002, regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at Cochiti Lake. Lt. Colonel Dana Hurst has assumed Command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (Corps). I apologize for the tardiness in responding to your inquiry.

The Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) has identified significant social, historical and religious interests in the vicinity of the Al Black Recreation Area, not only for their community but for other Rio Grande Native American communities as well. The specifics of these interests are confidential cultural information for the Cochiti Tribe. We ask that you direct any further questions regarding the Tribe's specific interests to the Tribal Administration of the Pueblo de Cochiti.

The Corps cooperates with the Pueblo in areas where we have mutual responsibilities. In the current discussion these are limited to the Al Black Recreation Area and immediate vicinity. We have very limited information on other components of the Tribe's development, restoration or rehabilitation planning. We ask that you direct any further questions regarding these Tribal initiatives to the Tribal Administration of the Pueblo de Cochiti.

Because impacts to the Al Black Recreation Area are a result of the actions of the Federal Government, specifically the construction of Cochiti Dam and Reservoir, the Corps is responsible for any required mitigation activities. Other restoration activities, not related to Federal actions, will be addressed through tribal funding. Requests for additional information regarding finance at the Pueblo de Cochiti must be directed to the Pueblo's Tribal Administration.

We want to stress that the government is not "giving back" property. The Corps has an easement for operations and maintenance of the flood control facility; ownership of the property has always resided with the Pueblo. This easement does not guarantee public access to Tribal lands. Project operations at Cochiti Dam and Reservoir and the closure of the Al Black Recreation Area are distinctly separate activities. Closing the Al Black Recreation Area has no direct bearing on Corps' flood control responsibilities. The government has broad discretionary authority by Corps regulation (ER 1130-2-500, 530, 540 and 1105-2-100) and policy (USACE, CECW-A, Policy Guidance Letter 57, 1998), Presidential Executive Order (12875) and Federal Law (Title 25: Chapter 14: II: 450a).

Failure to close the Al Black Recreation Area to public access continues degradation of a culturally sensitive area in violation of government responsibilities for the protection of Native American Trust resources. The Corps appreciates the public recreation value of the Al Black Recreation Area and plans the development of a new public area as mitigation for its closure.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Dana R. Hurst  
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army  
District Engineer

Miner/3374/DZ RM  
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Shampine

August 24, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Consuelo V. Annon  
6639 Vooscane Ave.  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083

Dear Ms. Annon:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 12, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

Prior to taking any action on the proposal to close Al Black Recreation Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) must initiate an environmental assessment as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. Once a draft assessment has been prepared, the Corps will be hosting a public meeting and review period to solicit input from the public and other interested parties. We will include your name and address on the distribution list for notification of public input opportunities.

Thank you for your letter of support and I invite you to contact Ms. Cynthia Piirto, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (505) 342-3277, if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division



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August 5, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Richard W. Becker, Ph.D.  
President, Albuquerque Wildlife Federation  
1005 Indiana SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated July 8, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

We are working with the Cochiti Pueblo in developing viable alternatives to mitigate for the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area. These alternatives will become part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Researching the feasibility of various alternatives is taking longer than anticipated. Upon completion of the draft EA, we will provide your organization a copy for review and comment, and notify you of scheduled public meetings.

I invite you to contact Ms. Cynthia Piirto, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (505) 342-3277 if you have further questions or would like to schedule a discussion with your organization. Ms. Piirto attempted to contact you on 5 August but was unable to reach you at the phone number in your letter.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division



July 15, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Richard Muenzer, President  
Meadowlark Senior Center Fishing Club  
4330 Meadowlark Lane  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Dear Mr. Muenzer:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated July 8, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

We are working with the Cochiti Pueblo in developing viable alternatives to mitigate for the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area. These alternatives will become part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) required by the National Environmental Policy Act. We had anticipated having a draft EA completed sooner but researching the feasibility of various alternatives is taking longer than anticipated.

We will indeed notify all interested parties when a date and location has been set for a Public Meeting.

If you have further questions, you can contact me at 505-342-3602.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division



May 21, 2002

Executive Office

Honorable Tom Udall  
502 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3101

Dear Mr. Udall:

This letter is in response to your inquiry dated April 28, 2002, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Ronald Madsen, regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam. This area is a popular fishing access point with wheelchair accessibility.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. The Pueblo leadership recently requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan that the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition. All other Corps operated recreation areas at Cochiti will remain open.

Although recreation is a specific purpose of Cochiti Dam Congressional authorization, memorandums of agreement are subject to change as situations evolve. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is designed to address issues such as the loss of Al Black as a recreation area and possible mitigation sites.

Prior to taking any action, the Corps has initiated an environmental assessment required under NEPA. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. Once a draft assessment has been prepared, the Corps will host a public meeting and provide a review period to solicit input from the public and other interested parties. We have included Mr. Madsen's name and address on the distribution list for notification of public input opportunities.

I invite you to contact Ms. Susan Shampine, Chief, Operations Division, at (505) 342-3602 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Raymond G. Midkiff  
Lieutenant Colonel, EN  
District Engineer

Copy Furnished:

Honorable Tom Udall  
Representative in Congress  
City Hall, 3900 Southern Boulevard, S.E.  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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April 24, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Consuelo V. Annon  
6639 Vooscane Ave.  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083

Dear Ms. Annon:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 12, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

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Chief, Operations Division



April 12, 2002

Lt Col Radmond G Midkiff  
Commander  
Albuquerque District of  
Corps Of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Dear Lt Col Midkiff:

This letter is to praise the Corps of Engineers for the return of the Art Black Apache Falls recreation area to the Pueblo De Cochiti. I have spent my life in close proximity to the Pueblo and am well aware of the number of sacred sites affected by the dam. It is wonderful that times change and Government Agencies can be responsive to and aware of the importance of these sites. It is not unreasonable for the Pueblo to ask to protect and preserve these sites. Please do everything in your power to enable the preservation and restoration of the area.

I understand why the eagles prefer to hunt the disoriented fish as coming through the spillway. It is, for them, a matter of survival. But I must admit I fail to see the sportsmanship in fishing that area. New Mexico has many lovely fishing sites the majority of which offer more a challenge to the fisherman than stunned disoriented fish coming through the spillway.

The building of the dam and creation of the lake destroyed a portion of the Bosque. How wonderful that we can persevere to restore and maintain the remaining portions. I live in the Town of Cochiti Lake and my life is enriched by the avian population that the Bosque attracts. I watch the annual nesting and breeding of the osprey, the fluctuations of the populations of the eagles, the annual flights of the geese and cranes, the solitary great blue heron.

Sincerely,



Consuelo V Annon



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April 22, 2002

Rev. Maggie De Vore  
6516 Horseshoe Drive  
Cochiti Lake, NM 87083

Dear Rev. De Vore:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated March 28, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. In recent months, the Pueblo leadership requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition.

Prior to taking any action on the proposal to close the Al Black Recreation Area, the Corps must initiate an environmental assessment required under the National Environmental Policy Act. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. These alternatives will include consideration for universal accessibility. Once a draft assessment has been prepared, the Corps will be hosting a public meeting and review period to solicit input from the public and other interested parties. We will include your name and address on the distribution list for notification of public input opportunities.

The Federal government made a lump sum payment to the Pueblo for the construction of the Cochiti project on Pueblo lands. In the original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Corps and the Pueblo, the Corps agreed to develop recreation facilities in the Tetilla Peak and Cochiti Recreation Areas. Subsequent amendments to the MOU provided for public access to the outlet works area as well as a vault toilet.

While the Albuquerque Journal article dated February 24, 2002 mentioned a litter problem, it is not the driving force behind the Pueblo's interest to close the area to public use.

The 70,000 annual visitation quoted in the Albuquerque Journal was derived from Cochiti project visitation estimation data.

I invite you to contact Ms. Cynthia Piirto, Outdoor Recreation Planner at (505) 342-3277, if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division

512 Turner Dr. NE  
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April 12, 2002

Lt.Col. Raymond G. Midkiff, Commander  
Albuquerque District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
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Dear LTC Midkiff:

Enclosed are 29 pages of petitions with names, addresses and signatures of approximately 370 citizens who do not want to lose public access to the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam spillway.

I request that each of these individuals be sent a copy of the Environmental Assessment so that they can express their opposition to the proposal during the comment period. It is likely that more people will be signing this petition and those additional names will be forwarded to you as soon as practical.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

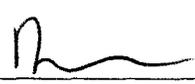
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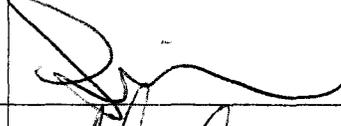
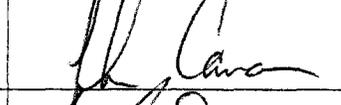
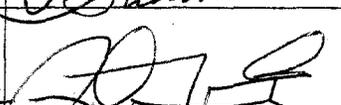
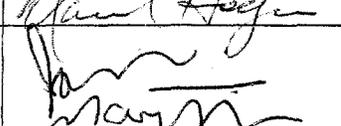
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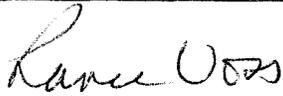
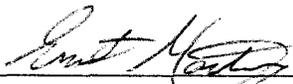
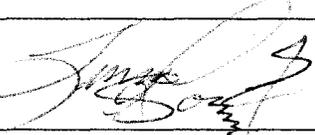
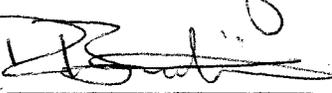
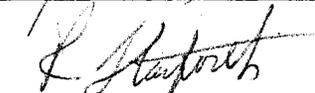
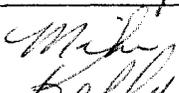
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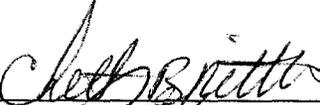
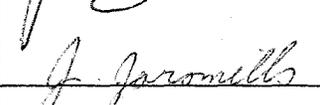
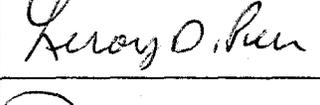
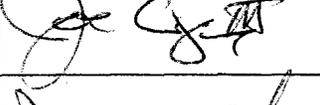
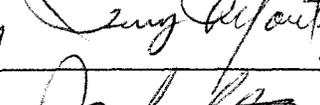
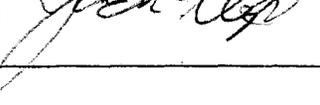
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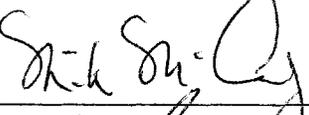
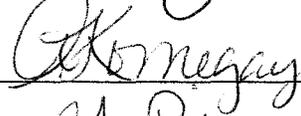
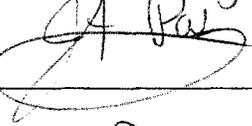
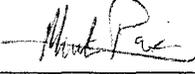
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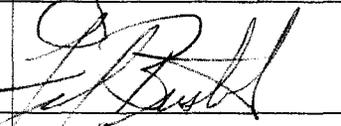
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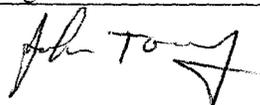
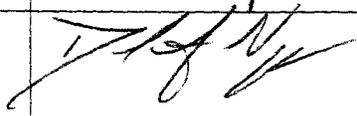
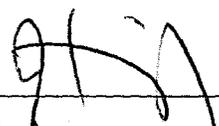
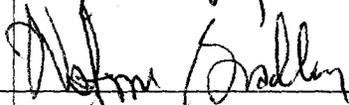
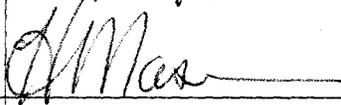
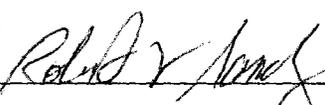
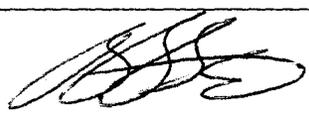
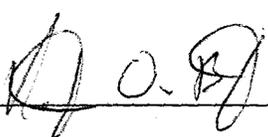
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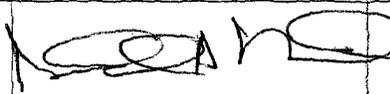
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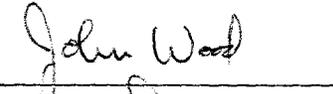
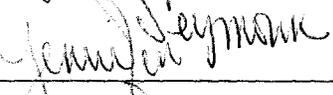
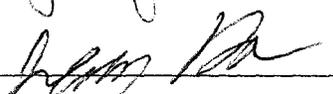
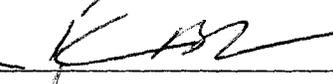
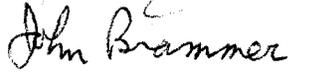
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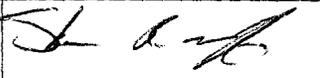
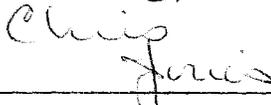
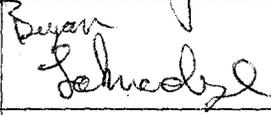
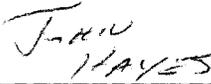
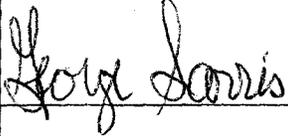
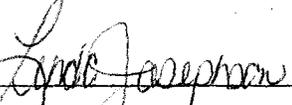
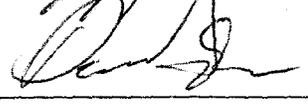
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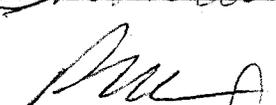
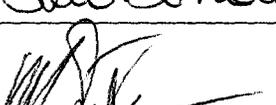
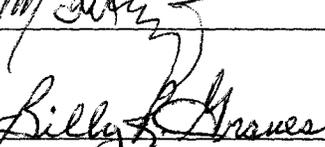
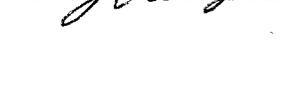
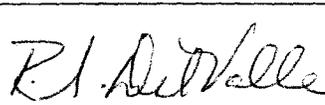
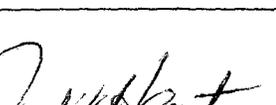
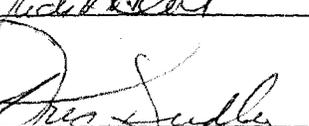
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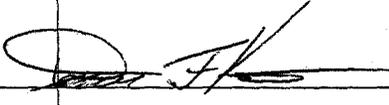
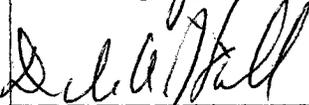
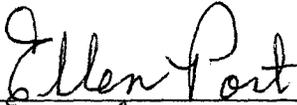
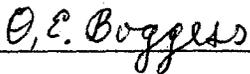
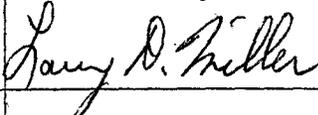
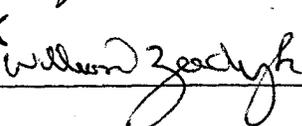
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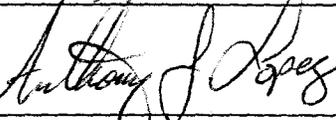
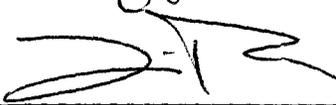
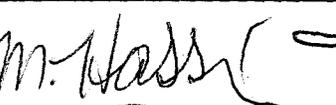
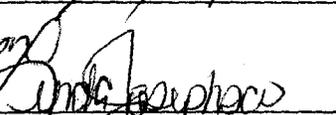
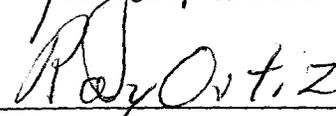
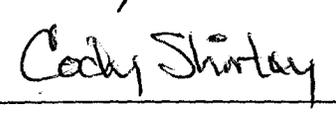
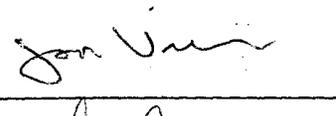
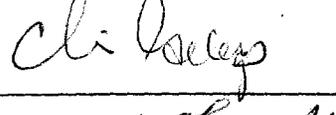
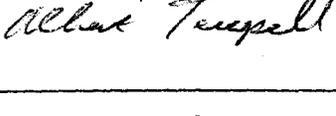
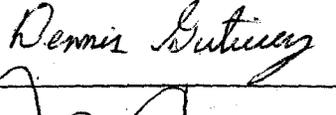
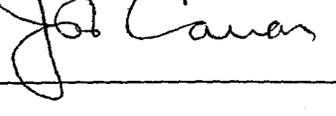
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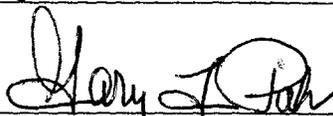
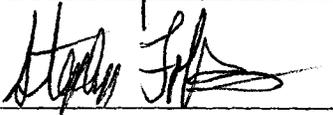
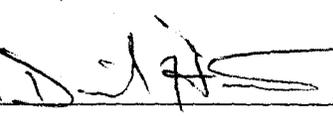
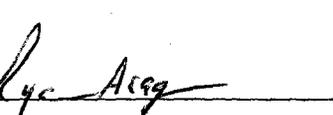
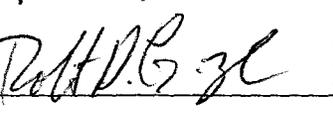
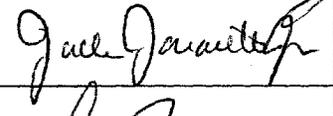
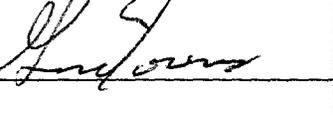
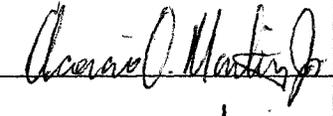
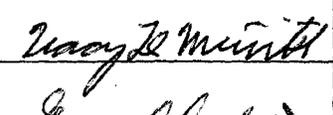
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Cere Torres		304 Merhida ST SW, 21 <sup>871</sup>
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Curtis Guinn	<i>Curtis Guinn</i>	4659 West St Glenn
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Louie	<i>Louie</i>	406 Harper St SW
Jim Walters	<i>Jim Walters</i>	273 Cielo Azul Condos NW 87044
Frank Jaramilla	<i>Frank Jaramilla</i>	4613 Sorrel SW <sup>Albuid NM 87105</sup>
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J. ANTONIO SANDOVAL	<i>J. Antonio Sandoval</i>	1920 BAYN MANNA PL. NE
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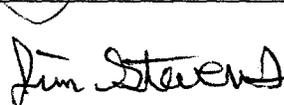
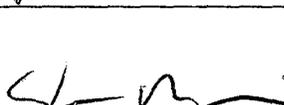
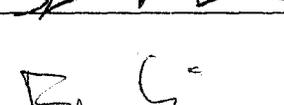
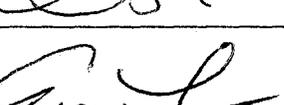
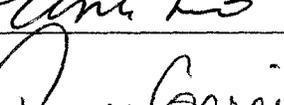
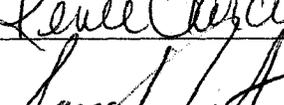
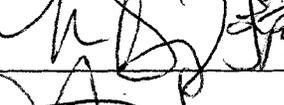
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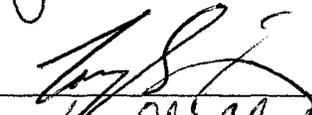
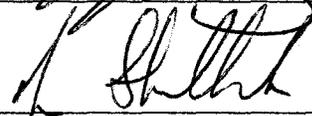
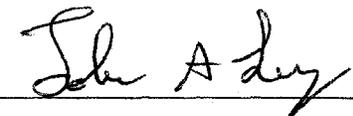
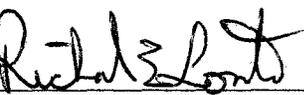
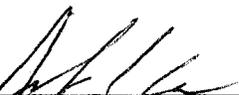
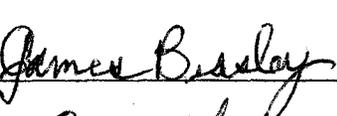
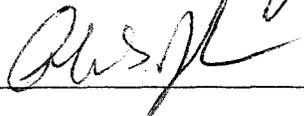
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Donna Jaramila	<i>Donna Jaramila</i>	3228 Isleta Blvd. SW
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Lloyd WERNECKE	<i>Lloyd Wernecke</i>	1050-10 Stone NE Rio Rancho 87124
Chuck Mikkelsen	<i>Charles Mikkelsen</i>	7712 Cedar Canyon Pl. N.E., All. 87122
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*Entered 5/3/02*



April 1, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Paul Jaeger  
6528 Barranca Drive  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated March 26, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. In recent months, the Pueblo leadership requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition.

Prior to taking any action on the proposal to close the Al Black Recreation Area, the Corps must initiate an environmental assessment required under the National Environmental Policy Act. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. These alternatives will include consideration for universal accessibility. Once a draft assessment has been prepared, the Corps will be hosting a public meeting and review period to solicit input from the public and other interested parties. We will include your name and address on the distribution list for notification of public input opportunities.

The Pueblo or their representatives including the Cochiti Community Development Corporation can better address most of your concerns. The marina on Cochiti Lake and the dry storage area have always been under the management of the Pueblo or their representatives. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

manages Tent Rocks National Monument and collects a user fee at the site.

I invite you to contact Ms. Cynthia Piirto, Outdoor Recreation Planner at (505) 342-3277, if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

C. Susan Champine  
Chief, Operations Division

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Shampine

March 28, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Michael Kadisak  
6535 Tahawash Street  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083

Dear Mr. Kadisak:

This letter is in response to your correspondence postmarked March 22, 2002, regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. In recent months, the Pueblo leadership requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition.

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While the Albuquerque Journal article dated February 24 mentioned a litter problem, it is not the driving force behind the Pueblo's request to close the area to public use.

Any recent access restrictions at the Cochiti Lake project were the direct result of our nation's Homeland Security efforts. Outside of these recent restrictions, the Cochiti Recreation Area on the west side of the reservoir is accessible at all times for your enjoyment. Due to minimal use during the winter, the Tetilla Peak Recreation Area is annually open for public use from April 1 through October 31. Our policy regarding campfires has consistently been that they shall be confined to fireplaces, grills and other facilities designated for this purpose. In recent years we have implemented a boat-launching fee that is consistent with Corps policy nationwide, but there continues to be no entrance fee for use of public facilities at Cochiti Lake.

Your concerns regarding the Tent Rocks area and forest roads can better be addressed by the Federal agencies that manage them, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, respectively.

I invite you to contact Ms. Cynthia Piirto, Outdoor Recreation Planner at (505) 342-3277, if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division

*Cynthia*

*Paul Jaeger*  
6528 Barranca Drive  
Cochiti Lake, NM 87083  
505-465-0221 - paulj@aya.yale.edu

Tuesday, March 26, 2002

Lt. Col. Raymond G. Midkiff, Commander  
Albuquerque District of the Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
Via fax 505-342-3197

Re: Al Black Fishing Area

Dear Lt. Col. Midkiff,

I am opposed to the return of control of the Al Black Fishing Area to the Pueblo de Cochiti.

I have been a resident of Cochiti Lake since 1995. During that brief time, the Pueblo de Cochiti (or their corporate arm, Cochiti Community Development Corporation {CCDC}, here in the town) has whittled away at the surrounding area, either by blocking access to previously open areas, or by charging for access where that access has previously been free. Items for reference over the last decade or so include:

- 1) blocking areas to the west of town that were previously open for hiking;
- 2) chaining a road that led from the west end of town to the area described in #1, so that access was only by walking (subsequently opened again due to housing development);
- 3) taken ownership of the town of La Bajada, causing the gating and locking of previously open areas to the north and west of La Bajada;
- 4) taken over administration of the Tent Rocks area and are now charging fees for a previously free area (supported by our taxes, so what happens to the collected fees?);
- 5) taken over the administration and fee collection of the Cochiti Lake marina;
- 6) taken over the administration and fee collection of the recreational vehicle/boat storage area;
- 7) stopped people from walking on Dome Road leading into the Jemez wilderness (where 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile of the road goes through their property);
- 8) stopped people from walking on the edge of the Rio Grande south of the spillway;
- 9) pressured the Corps to close the Dam Crest road at night, despite the concerns of the Town of Cochiti Lake that it restricted resident movement and was a possible safety issue relative to ambulance and fire vehicle travel (the same issues relate to the total closing of the road, but that is another issue). Access to the town is now limited to only one paved road, with no secondary emergency evacuation route available.

Depending on your definition of “sovereignty”, these are all probably legal moves, but are not done in the spirit of neighborly cooperation.

There have been other abuses aimed directly at the Town of Cochiti Lake, mostly relating to not living up to their obligations under the lease that created the Town. Although these abuses do not relate to the closing of the Fishing Area, they do indicate a pattern of behavior that is not friendly to the surrounding area. During a casual discussion regarding the solution of an area problem, Donald Suina, a member of the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribal Council, stated that “All Europeans should go back across the ocean”. Although I am sure that Mr. Suina does not represent the feelings of all Tribal members, I know that his attitude still represents either a major minority or a majority of Tribal Council sympathies.

As previous Assembly Member and Mayor to the Town of Cochiti Lake, I found the Tribe unwilling to discuss any issues that the Town Assembly wished to bring before the Pueblo officers or Council, instead remaining totally unresponsive to any letters or phone calls. Even face-to-face dialogs with the Governor during friendly visits to the Pueblo office brought much optimistic talk but absolutely no results. Their commercial arm, CCDC, listened, but responsiveness to requests was generally slim to non-existent, which I believe reflects the attitude of CCDC’s boss, the Tribal Council.

I hope that I am wrong, but with the return of control of the Al Black area to the Pueblo, I can foresee fees to fish or even walk around the spillway area, or, perhaps, the total closing of the area. I also predict that at some day in the future, when the Tribe wishes to emphasize a point or force an issue, they will close the road or install toll booths (remember recent incidents with Pojoaque and Santo Domingo), or otherwise harass people passing through the Al Black area.

I understand that the Pueblo owns the land that the Al Black Fishing Area stands on. I also understand, however, that there was a contract (lease?) signed years ago giving control of the area to the Corps for a specific number of years. I urge you to honor the contract, and that the Pueblo also honor the contract, and not return the land to Pueblo control until the contract expires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Jaeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Jaeger

Recvd 3/18

512 Turner Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87123  
March 15, 2002

Lt.Col. Raymond G. Midkiff, Commander  
Albuquerque District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Dear Lt.Col. Midkiff:

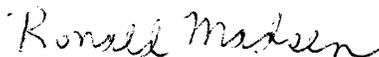
Under the rights given me by the Freedom of Information Act of the United States, I am requesting information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This information is in regard to the proposed loss of public access to the Al Black Recreation Area located at the Cochiti Dam spillway. Please supply the two items listed below.

1. A copy of the memorandum of understanding granting an easement to this area.
2. A copy of the proposal to turn this area back to the Cochiti Pueblo.

In case the second document is not yet completed, I would very much appreciate receiving the first document as soon as possible and the second when completed.

Thank you for supplying this information. If you have any questions, my telephone number is (505) 294-3235.

Sincerely,



Ronald Madsen



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BC (QC) *PC*

March 12, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Maureen and Paul Johnson  
6534 Horseshoe Drive  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083

Dear Mr. and Ms. Johnson:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated February 28, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. The Pueblo leadership recently requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition.

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Sincerely,  
**SIGNED**

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division



February 28, 2002

Lt. Col. Raymond G. Midkiff  
Commander, Albuquerque District  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Dear Lt. Col. Midkiff:

This letter is in opposition to the Corps of Engineers returning the easement of 1965 that controls the Al Black Fishing Area to the Pueblo de Cochiti.

The improvements that were made to that easement property to accommodate handicapped people such as Al Black, were paid for by a Federal Grant that comes from the tax dollars of the general public. The effort of the Rio Rancho Fishing Club and the high use of 70,000 people should be the priority in this decision,

We are sorry that the construction of this area in 1965 was painful for the Pueblo de Cochiti, but it was done and cannot be undone. The Corps of Engineers has apologized to the Pueblo de Cochiti and punishing 70,000 users of the spillway will not change the past.

The article in the Albuquerque Journal spoke of overuse and trash being factors. It also spoke of that being the Pueblos Land. It is Federal Land held in trust for the Pueblo de Cochiti and if they want less people on their reservation, why did they create the Town of Cochiti Lake, which originally was supposed to be 40,000 people? Why did they just ask to have Tent Rocks made in to a National Monument where 500,000 people a year go through their Pueblo? The Pueblo contributes to a great deal of trash along Cochiti Highway from the Spillway to their Golf Course, will the Spillway be different under their control? The Pueblo de Cochiti has a reputation for taking very poor care of what is entrusted to them. That should be enough reason to refuse the transfer of this easement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Maureen and Paul Johnson  
6534 Horseshoe Drive  
Cochiti Lake, New Mexico 87083  
505-465-2540



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Shampine  
BC (QC) *AC*

March 8, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Richard L. Ransom  
6626 Shkamarayu Pl  
Cochiti Lake, NM 87083

Dear Mr. Ransom:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated February 28, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

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Sincerely,

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C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division  
District Engineer



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BC (QC)

March 8, 2002

Operations Division  
Technical Support Branch

Mr. Edwin E. Macy  
26 Camino a Las Estrellas  
Placitas, NM 87043

Dear Mr. Macy:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated February 28, 2002 regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam.

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Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

C. Susan Shampine  
Chief, Operations Division



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BC (QC) <sup>RS</sup>  
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OC <sup>TR</sup>

Mr. Larry G. Bell, Director  
State of New Mexico  
Department of Game and Fish  
One Wildlife Way  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the proposal to close the Al Black Recreation Area at Cochiti Lake.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual concern. Our partnering efforts with Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. In recent months, the Pueblo leadership requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural sustainable condition.

Prior to taking any action, the Corps must initiate an environmental assessment as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. We are presently waiting for the Pueblo to submit their final proposal for the closure of the Al Black Recreation Area for use in completing the environmental assessment. Once the draft assessment is completed, the Corps will host a public meeting and review period to solicit input from the public and other stakeholders. We will provide you with a copy of the draft assessment as soon as it is available.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Susan Shampine, Chief of Operations, at (505) 342-3602.

Sincerely,

Raymond G. Midkiff  
Lieutenant Colonel, EN  
District Engineer



6626 Shkamarayu Pl  
Cochiti Lake, NM 87083  
505-465-1223

March 4, 2002

**Lt. Colonel Raymond G. Midkiff**  
Commander  
Albuquerque District of the Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Dear Lt. Colonel Midkiff,

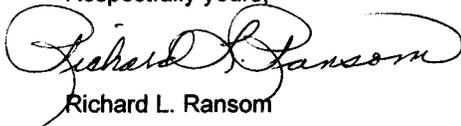
As a devoted fisherman, you can understand why I am writing this letter to you, particularly in view of the intentions of the Cochiti Pueblo to close the fishing below the dam.

I am a resident of Cochiti Lake and a senior citizen. I am sure that I can write for the other senior citizens and fishermen in urging you to not let this happen. There are very few areas that are as convenient to us. Some of the fishermen are not as able to travel the distances required to find a good fishing hole. One of the reasons that we live in Cochiti Lake is to be able to fish near home. Although we pay a recreation fee to the Pueblo, little recreational opportunity is provided other than fishing. The opportunity to take grandchildren, when they visit, for a little fishing, will be lost.

This "fishing hole", is also important to many other residents in the area including fishermen from Albuquerque. It is stocked with trout by the state on a "put and take" basis and is enjoyed by many including the Cochiti Pueblo. I have noted that it is an area enjoyed by family units. I believe that any opportunity to bring families together in recreational activities should be treasured and retained.

Please support the fishermen, the families, the sport and keep the area below the dam open for fishing.

Respectfully yours,



Richard L. Ransom



**EDWIN E. MACY**  
**26 Camino a Las Estrellas**  
**Placitas, N.M. 87043**  
**505.867.5670**

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February 25, 2002

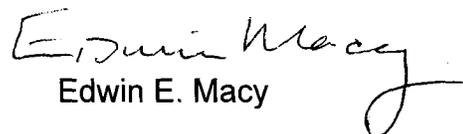
Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, N. M.

Re: Cochiti Lake Stilling Basin

Dear Army Corps of Engineers:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to close the Cochiti Stilling Basin to fishing. I am a native of New Mexico and a life-long fisherman. My two favorite places to fish have been Eagle Nest Lake and the Stilling Basin. Within the last month, access to Eagle Nest Lake has apparently been removed. Now, I read that the closing of the Stilling Basin is under consideration. Due to its proximity to Albuquerque, the Stilling Basin is a very popular place. It would be a shame to close a site that provides recreation to so many people. If changes must be made, I suggest the institution of a paid parking system like that utilized by the Forest Service in which a per day fee or per year permit fee is required. The proceeds of such fees could be used to maintain the area. Thanks for your consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Edwin E. Macy



**Meadowlark Senior Center Fishing Club  
4330 Meadowlark Lane  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124**

6 March 2002

The Governor,  
Cochiti Pueblo  
Cochiti, NM 87072

Dear Governor:

Because our Fishing Club was mentioned in the recent Albuquerque *Journal* article about the possible closing of the Al Black Recreation Area, we would like to express our opinion. It should be noted that the Al Black Recreation Area was named for a charter member of our Club, now deceased. In fact, the late Al Black was the 12<sup>th</sup> member to pass away since the Club's founding. The bronze plaque memorializing Al can be seen as a Cenotaph, and in some cultures, Cenotaphs are considered to have religious significance.

We have not often used this fishing area for a variety of reasons—one is that we are mostly Lake fishermen rather than River fishermen. Nonetheless, we object to the closing of this area. One reason for this is that the Black area is one of the few places that handicapped citizens in wheelchairs are able to fish safely. We are disappointed that, apparently, some fishermen who use the area have trashed it. This is anathema to our own style of fishing and we sympathize with the Pueblo in its wishing to have the area closed rather than to have it misused.

We would like to suggest that one or more compromise solutions might be considered. Already, the Al Black area is closed except from sunrise to sunset. Would it also be possible that the area be opened only three days per week—for example, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday? We would be glad to work cooperatively with the Pueblo and the Corps of Engineers to draft possible solutions.

We highly respect Cochiti Pueblo's religious and cultural values and will be glad to consider other alternatives to closing the Al Black area.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Muenzer,  
President, Meadowlark Senior Center  
Fishing Club

892-9164

Copies: U. S. Corps of Engineers  
The Black Family



GOVERNOR  
Gary E. Johnson



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February 20, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond G. Midkiff  
District Commander  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109-3435

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Midkiff:

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has recently become aware of the Army Corps of Engineers intent to close the AI Black Recreation area below Cochiti Dam. The Department is concerned about this closure as it would result in the loss of fishing opportunity and economic loss for the citizens of New Mexico.

The Department is requesting written clarification as to the status of the AI Black Recreation Area. The Department has long had an unwritten understanding with your Agency and the Pueblo of Cochiti to stock fish below the dam to provide fishing opportunity. Your Agency has even constructed a pipe to facilitate fish stocking. We are unaware of any change either in our understandings with your Agency and the Pueblo or in the management or operation of the Dam that would necessitate the closure of this area.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that the angling and economic needs of the citizens of New Mexico are met. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry G. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "L" and "B".

Larry G. Bell  
Director



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Reply to  
Attention of:

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ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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March 1, 2002

Executive Office

Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senator  
120 South Federal Place, Room 302  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Senator Domenici:

This letter is in response to your inquiry dated February 14, 2002 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Murray W. Lewis, regarding the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the outlet works of Cochiti Dam. This area is a wheelchair accessible fishing access point used by approximately 70,000 visitors each year.

Over the past year, the Pueblo de Cochiti (Pueblo) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest. Our partnering efforts with the Pueblo are critical as the entire Corps project is built on Pueblo land. The Pueblo leadership recently requested that the recreation area be closed to protect Pueblo interests on their lands. Closure of the area is one component of a comprehensive plan the Pueblo is developing to restore and rehabilitate their community and surrounding lands to a more natural and sustainable condition.

Prior to taking any action, the Corps will initiate an environmental assessment required under the National Environmental Policy Act. This process includes identification of alternatives to mitigate for the loss of recreation by the proposed closure. Once a draft assessment has been prepared, the Corps will be hosting a public meeting and review period to solicit input from the public and other interested parties. We will include Mr. Murray on the distribution list for notification of public input opportunities.

I invite you to contact Ms. Susan Shampine, Chief of Operations, at 505-342-3602 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

  
Raymond G. Midkiff  
Lieutenant Colonel, EN  
District Engineer



**CITIZENS OPPOSED TO THE  
CLOSURE OF THE AL BLACK  
RECREATION AREA.**

**REQUEST IS HEREBY MADE THAT EACH  
OF THE UNDERSIGNED BE GIVEN  
NOTIFICATION WITH AMPLE TIME TO  
ATTEND, ANY AND ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS  
OR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE TURN-  
OVER TO THE COCHITI TRIBE, THE AL  
BLACK RECREATION AREA, LOCATED  
ADJACENT TO COCHITI LAKE, BY THE  
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 Don't Let them Close the Fishing Hole

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