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Subject: Request for Public Comments Regarding Proposed Security Enhancements at Anderson Ranch Dam

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation is asking for your assistance to help identify issues and concerns associated with proposed interim security enhancements at Anderson Ranch Dam. Reclamation will use this information to analyze the environmental impacts of the project in an Environmental Assessment (EA) as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, Reclamation conducted in-depth evaluations of potential security vulnerabilities at certain facilities including Anderson Ranch Dam. These evaluations determined that vulnerabilities existed at the dam and that additional security enhancements were warranted.

At the same time, Reclamation is also investigating dam safety at Anderson Ranch Dam related to seismic and overtopping events. These investigations may determine that structural modifications to the dam are required. Therefore, the current need is to develop interim measures to address the security vulnerability until a final dam safety solution is identified. The long-term solution to security vulnerabilities would then be incorporated into any potential dam safety project.

Based on the understanding that any security enhancements would be an interim measure until dam safety corrective actions are made, the proposed interim action is to place a 15-foot-wide median barrier on the existing road that crosses the crest of the dam. (See enclosed aerial view and cross section diagram.) This barrier would prevent vehicle access to the middle section of the dam crest but would allow for continued two-way traffic across the dam. Disruption to traffic crossing the dam during construction would be minimal.

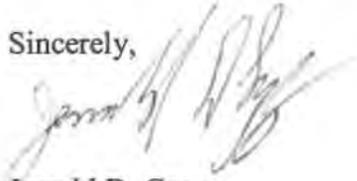
Reclamation has determined that an EA is required under NEPA in order to undertake this interim action. The EA will evaluate the impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environments. This analysis, together with input from the public, will assist in making a final decision implementing the interim security measures. It is anticipated that the Draft EA will be distributed for public review and comment in the fall of 2009.

Reclamation is evaluating the potential impacts of this proposed interim safety enhancement, and we need your input. Please help us identify important issues and concerns by sending your written comments by September 4, 2009, to: Mr. Jerrold D. Gregg, Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Office, 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho 83702. You may also

provide comments by e-mail to Aranchcomments@usbr.gov. If you have any questions concerning the NEPA process, please contact Mr. Steve Dunn, Natural Resource Specialist, at 208-383-2222, or via e-mail at sdunn@usbr.gov.

Additional information on the project, including the proposed action, can be found on Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Region's website:
http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/srao_misc/security/

As part of this proposed action, Reclamation is also updating our mailing list. Please complete and return the form below to Mr. Dunn at the address listed above or notify us via the above comment e-mail address if you wish to remain on our mailing list and receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment. Reclamation will assume you do not wish to be on the mailing list if we do not receive notification.

Sincerely,

Jerrold D. Gregg
Area Manager

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Please keep my name on the mailing list for the Anderson Ranch Dam Security Enhancement Project

Please change my address on your mailing list to:

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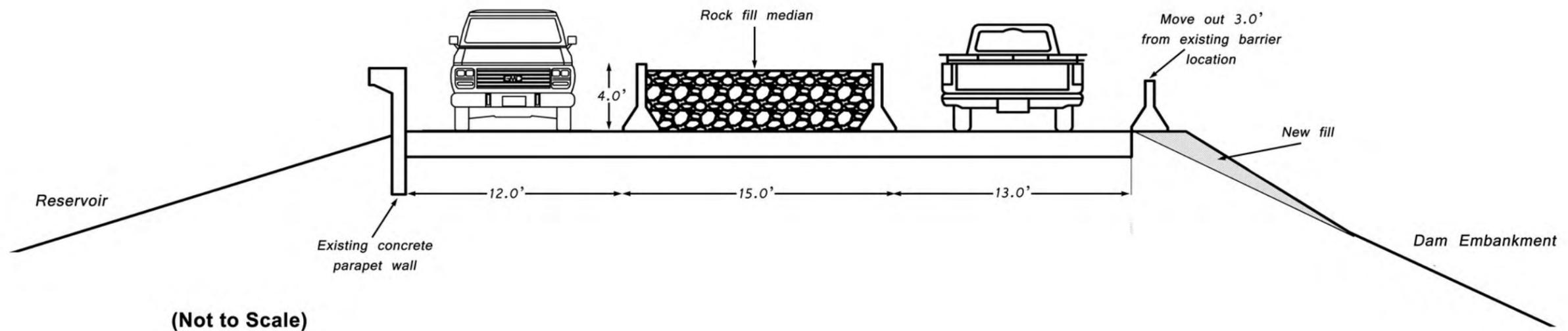


Figure 2. Center Median Alternative
Anderson Ranch Dam Security Enhancement Project

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Data Sources: Canyon County, Bureau of Reclamation

Map Date: August, 2009