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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Great Plains Region

Montana Area Office

P.O. Box 30137

Billings, Montana 59107-0137

February 2, 2009



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Subject: Future Recreation-Related Opportunities, Facilities, and Services at Goose Bay Marina

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking public input regarding future recreation-related opportunities, facilities, and services at Goose Bay Marina. The contract for operation of the Goose Bay Marina concession area expires on July 14, 2010. In preparation for advertising a new, long-term concession contract, a public process and comprehensive planning effort is being conducted to develop a Goose Bay Recreation Master Plan and Environmental Assessment. Through the planning process, the public will have the opportunity to assist Reclamation in defining the future concession and recreation opportunities that should be provided, either by Reclamation, by a concessionaire, or both within the Goose Bay Planning Area (see enclosed map).

Aukerman, Haas & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in water-based recreation planning, will be assisting Reclamation with this endeavor. Public meetings will be held in Townsend on February 18, 2009, at the Library - Community Room located at 201 N. Spruce Street, and in Helena on February 19, 2009, at the Montana Association of Counties building meeting room located at 2717 Skyway Drive. Both meetings will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The contractor and Reclamation staff will be available during the meetings to facilitate discussion, answer questions, and listen to ideas and recommendations. Comments will be accepted at the meetings, or they can be submitted either by mail to Aukerman, Haas & Associates, Attn: Bob Aukerman, 729 Duke Sq., Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, or by e-mail to baukerman@comcast.net. We request that comments be submitted no later than March 15, 2009.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. We will honor any requests that personal identifying information be withheld from public review to the extent permissible by law; however, we may be required to make personal identifying information available to the public in an administrative record or in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

For additional information and updates regarding this public involvement process, please contact Stephanie Valentine at 406-247-7311 or visit our website at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao>. We look forward to working collectively with you to help shape the future of public recreation at Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jeff Baumberger, Manager
Resource Management Division

Enclosure