



June 19, 2003

To: Trinity River Restoration

From: Kristi A. Bevard, Salt Flat Resident

Salt Flat is a fully developed rural residential neighborhood. We want to keep Salt Flat private and limit the access to property owners of Salt Flat. The families who purchased property here like its secluded nature and wilderness setting. As a community we keep our neighborhood tidy, quiet and private. We recognize each other and respect each other's privacy. The general public and others will not keep our best interests in mind if our area is opened up to BLM, or the public.

a.

Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 place BLM right in the middle of our lives. Any group such as (RCD)Resource Conservation District, (RC&D)Resource Conservation and Development Group, Nor-Rel Muk Wintu Group, Lewiston Trails Group, McBain and Trush working with Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management, (TAMWG) Trinity Adaptive Management Workshop Group and a host of other contractors or cooperators of BLM would enjoy the same access privileges for authorized activities as any BLM employee. Furthermore there is no way to keep track of who is actually visiting as an employee and who is merely trespassing. Additionally we as private property owners should not have to bear the responsibility of feeling like we have to ask anyone we don't recognize if they have business or family in Salt Flat. If the BLM has contractors and cooperators coming in and out we could not determine by looking at them if they have valid reason to be in Salt Flat.

b.

I conducted a "litter study" by visiting and hiking Cemetery Hole, Old Lewiston Bridge and Bucktail Hole all designated public access sites in Lewiston. I took photos between 10 AM and 3 PM June 8 - June 16, 2003. ~~For your convenience, photos are included.~~ These are proof of public impact to access areas which include remnants of human waste in the form of plastic, paper, tin, aluminum, food products and excrement with toilet tissue by river's edge. Some waste was found within 2 feet of the river, other litter was located on trails, in parking areas and off trail. It is obvious to me during this short study that people in general forget to "care" about the lands they visit, whether they are hikers, fisherpeople, swimmers or just people out for a walk or picnic.

c.

I have requested the Trinity County Planning Commission investigate the possible collusion between the County and the Bureau of Reclamation /BLM interest for the development of the rock tailings between Salt Flat and Goose Ranch Road. If the BOR insists on Salt Flat residents signing any kind of use permit with BLM to use the bridge under the Alternative actions or any new actions created later, we would be subject to significant infringement on our right to enjoy our lands in a private manner while neighboring development of the tailings commences. Though this concept is not directly related to the bridge itself, it is related to any bridge agreement drafted by the BOR with or without BLM consent.

d.

From all accounts the reasonable action would be the proposed action or no action at all. We want to maintain privacy. Keep our bridge private. We still have the right to quiet enjoyment of our land and homes.

e.

Reference:  
\* The Trinity County Planning Commission  
staff has color copies of

## **RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 9**

### **Kristi Bevard**

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