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## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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Subject: Lower Deer Flat Dam Security Enhancement Decision

Dear Interested Parties:

Since the summer of 2008, the Bureau of Reclamation has been undertaking a process to evaluate the security risks at Lower Deer Flat Dam and developing means to reduce security vulnerabilities related to motor vehicle access across the crest of the dam. In December 2009, Reclamation issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the environmental effects of several alternatives to correct these security vulnerabilities. There has been considerable public involvement throughout this process.

After careful consideration of all the information, including public comment on the Draft EA and an in-depth vulnerability analysis through Reclamation's Security Corrective Action Study process, Reclamation will not make any structural changes to Lower Deer Flat Dam or the roadway at this time. Reclamation will continue to allow traffic on the dam crest through the use of Riverside Road. If there is specific threat intelligence or the nationwide state of alert is heightened, security barriers will be deployed to temporarily limit access across the dam.

Reclamation will also be installing additional security barriers on the dam crest at Upper Deer Flat Dam. This action will have no impact to the traveling public as the embankment is already closed to motor vehicles.

Reclamation greatly appreciates the participation of citizens, agencies, and local governments throughout this process. We believe that through this collaborative process, Reclamation has arrived at a cost-effective solution that will have minimal impact to the traveling public.

Sincerely,

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