June 13, 2022

Subject: Reclamation employees conducting field work on Reclamation administered lands near Scoggins Dam.

Dear Landowner,

During the summer and fall of 2022, Bureau of Reclamation employees and contractors will be in and around Scoggins Dam and Hagg Lake conducting surface seismic refraction surveys and investigative drilling. Reclamation is collecting the data to better understand the subsurface characterization of soils and bedrock required for design development of the proposed safety of dam modification.

A total of 139 boreholes are anticipated, the majority of which will be near Scoggins Dam. Additionally, approximately 15,250 feet of temporary and non-ground disturbing seismic survey transects are proposed. There would be minimal, to no vegetation removed or trimmed. Portions of land may be graded to create a safe access work area on sloped or uneven terrain. The expected ground disturbance for drilling and grading is .66 acres, most of which will be grading.

Reclamation anticipates accessing its federally owned land during this work. The area of potential effect, or ‘APE’, where Bureau of Reclamation employees and contractors may be working is shown on the attached map. All work areas are within Bureau of Reclamation owned land. Access to these lands by Bureau of Reclamation employees and contractors, including access road easements, is authorized for the performance of official duties.

Reclamation reminds the public it is unlawful to impede federal employees or contractors from conducting official business. Assaulting, resisting, opposing, intimidating, impeding, or interfering with a federal employee while performing official duties is subject to fines and or imprisonment per 18 U.S. Code § 111.

If you have any questions regarding the work being performed, please contact Christine Schuldheisz at 208-378-5212.

If you have any questions regarding 18 U.S. Code § 111, please contact Regional Special Agent Rich Volpe at 208-685-6925.