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Comments: Pat Schumacher
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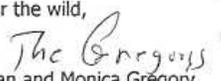
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Now is not the time to begin building yet another dam. We should be removing existing dams and freeing shackled rivers to restore natural diversity and the many values inherent in free-flowing rivers.

God bless America. Let's save some of it.

For the wild,


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I have visited the area which the Preferred Structural Alternative of the Animas La Plata Project will impact. I am very concerned about the effect of the project on the wildlife in the region as well as upon recreational users of the area.

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Rachel Kondor

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From: Animas - La Plata Project <swcbd@sw-center.org>
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Comments: Pat Schumacher
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January 30, 2000

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Best regards,



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To: <gis@SW-Center.ORG>, <ALPDSEISComments@uc.usbr.gov>
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To: <gis@SW-Center.ORG>, <ALPDSEISComments@uc.usbr.gov>
Date: 3/1/00 3:31PM
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To: <gis@SW-Center.ORG>, <ALPDSEISComments@uc.usbr.gov>
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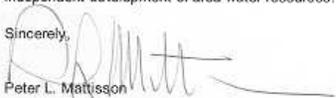
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Sincerely,

Peter L. Mattisson

ps. I have just finished the book *Cadillac Desert* by Mark Reisner and I am very skeptical regarding the need for this project.

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5 Terrace Court, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Pat Schumacher
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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Based on the Draft Supplemental EIS released for the Animus La Plata Project, I urge the Bureau to consider the following observations and recommendations when preparing the Final Supplemental EIS:

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Sincerely,

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Michael Mayer

5 Terrace Ct, NE

Washington DC 2000

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To: <gis@SW-Center.ORG>, <ALPDSEISComments@uc.usbr.gov>
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Thank You,

Connie

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From: Animas - La Plata Project <swcbd@sw-center.org>
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