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FOREST SERVICE SEEKS INPUT ON HUNTER RESERVOIR

Grand Junction, CO., (July 2, 2007) – The Grand Valley Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to increase the size of Hunter Reservoir. The reservoir is located in Mesa County, on national forest lands, and is located approximately 21 miles upstream of Collbran, Colorado. The project proposal is to enlarge the reservoir from 19 surface acres (110 acre-feet storage) to 80 surface acres (1,340 acre-feet storage) and increase the earthen damn embankment to 37 feet in height.

District Ranger Connie Clementson stated, “A lot of hard work has gone into analyzing this project and now it is time to let folks review and comment on the proposal.” Clementson went on to state, “One of the important things to note about this project is that, if approved, the work will bring the dam into safety compliance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Engineer.”

The draft EIS is available on the Forest Service website at: www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy under “Lands” and “Hunter Reservoir.” Public comment is requested on the draft EIS. Comments can be mailed to: Attn: Hunter Reservoir DEIS, Grand Valley Ranger District, 2777 Crossroads Blvd-Unit 1, Grand Junction, CO 81506; or emailed to: comments_rocky_mountain_gmug_grande_valley@fs.fed.us. The comment period will extend 45 days from publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

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