

## Monitoring related to the attached 2006 access authorization

### Mill Dam Reconstruction Monitoring Trip 10/12/06 – 10/13/06

On October 23, 2006 I met 2 dam workers hiking out (Dave Jones and David Allen)/I later met 2 packers with 9 head (Dave Schramm and Marty Barcus). They told me they went in on October 9 and worked 2 days on the project then began packing out today. They told me the work was done for the year. Dave Jones said they might not have enough money to do the remaining reconstruction for 2 years. He also said the material was flown in on October 2.

The campsite below the dam was left very clean. The stock containment area is approximately 36' x 100' – an already impacted area under a spruce canopy. There were no public visitors at the dam during the project.

I took 5 photos of the dam and 1 photo of the stock containment area at the campsite.

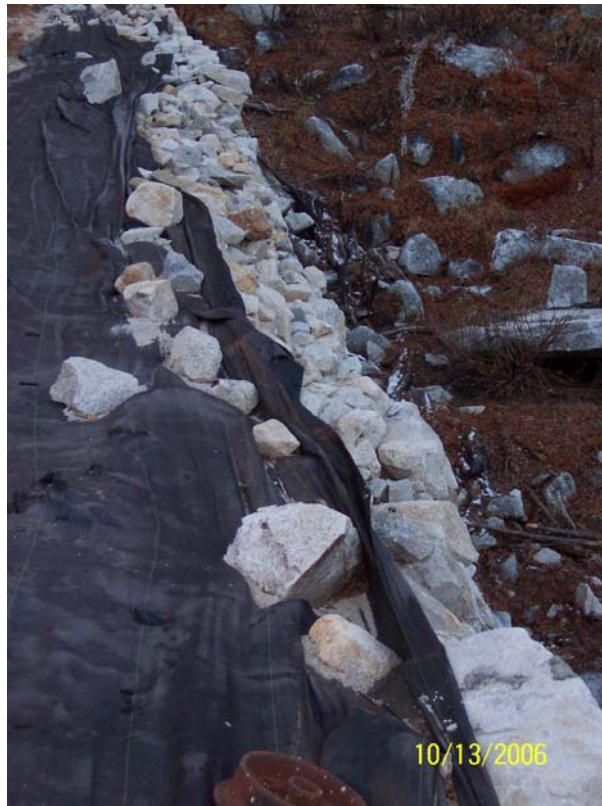
Impacts to visitors:

The dayhikers that I met on October 12 below the falls seemed unaware of the dam project

Bill Goslin 10/23/06











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**Date:** September 29,  
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Mr. Evon Stephani  
Mill Creek Irrigation District  
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Dear Evon:

Your request for one helicopter flight to Mill Lake dam for the purpose of transporting materials and supplies necessary for the construction of a gate chamber support to protect the gate valve and gate stem located downstream of the stacked rock embankment seems reasonable and is approved.

I have considered your request in light of the information you provided me, public comments we received and our minimum tool analysis. Given the urgency of your work, the time of year, and the uncertainties and risks associated with using stock to transport the necessary materials, I have decided to authorize Mill Creek Irrigation District one helicopter flight during the period of September 29- October 13, 2006 for the purpose of transporting materials and supplies necessary for the construction of the gate chamber support structure. All personnel and other supplies will be hiked or packed in by stock.

Authorization is subject to the applicable terms and conditions which were included in the Decision Notice for the Mill Lake Dam Project, May 2005. This includes posting the trailhead and limiting helicopter use to weekdays and non-holidays days.

If you have any questions, please call Dan Ritter at 777-7410.

Sincerely,

*/s/ David T. Bull*  
DAVID T. BULL  
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cc: Dan Ritter

