

Mill Dam Reconstruction Monitoring Trip
9/21 – 9/22/2005

On 9/21 grouting operations were in progress. All appeared to be going well according to the contractor. I took seven photos of the general area and some close-up of the actual work (the photos should be self explanatory). Photo # 7 taken on 9/21 shows the foam gasket removed from the grout filled the entire space between the old and new pipe.

I was surprised to find an ATV on site. See photo #1. Though not listed in the EA the ATV was used for construction purposes to pull a trailer - and only in the lakebed and on the dam – not at the campsite. Future analysis should consider ATV.

There were 2 separate camps. The contractor's camp was down below and the irrigator/engineer camp was between the spillway and the dam. The contractor's had a latrine dug. The upper camp was using the cathole method (they did not know there was a dug latrine). I did not find improperly disposed waste however I suggest future projects (especially if of longer duration) require a commercial porta-potty.

The camps were kept clean. The work project seemed like it was going to be successful.

Impacts to visitors:

I did not contact any day users who commonly go to the falls this time of year.

I contacted a Guide and bow-hunting client in camp below Sears Lake. Hikers impact the wilderness hunting experience more than helicopters according to the hunting guide.

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Foam Barrier



Grouting Closeup



Foam Removed



Grouting in Progress



Inspect Grout



Worksite



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