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Dear Interested Party

The Canyon Lake Dam and Wyant Lake Dam Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is complete and available for your review. If you commented during public scoping, commented on the Draft EIS, or specifically requested a copy, you will find enclosed a complete FEIS (approximately 215 pages). Otherwise you will find a FEIS Summary.

I have not yet made a decision on this project, although I currently prefer Alternative 2. As I announced in my March 19 letter, I have requested that the Chief of the Forest Service grant an emergency exemption from stay during the appeal period, for part of this decision, so that CCID may begin urgently needed work at the Canyon Dam site as soon as possible (otherwise no work would be allowed to occur for up to 105 days). He has granted that emergency exemption. This exemption may affect individual's rights to influence part of my decision through administrative appeal. Therefore, by regulation, I am obligated to wait thirty days before I issue my final decision. I expect to make that decision by June 30, 2003.

Copies of the FEIS Summary or the complete FEIS are also available at the Supervisor's headquarters in Hamilton and District offices in Darby and Stevensville, or electronically on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/planning/decisiondocs/decisiondocs.html>. For further information, please call Betsy Ballard at (406) 777-5461.

Thank you for your interest in the Bitterroot National Forest.

Sincerely,

DAVID T. BULL
FOREST SUPERVISOR

