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To: Moore, Randy -FS

Subject: Lake Isabella Fees

To: Randy Moore and R-RAC

Re: Lake Isabella Fees

It appears that the Forest Service is planning to shrink the HIRA areas at Lake Isabella and probably turn them into campgrounds while blocking off free access. I do not feel there should be any day-use fees around the Isabella reservoir, or anywhere for that matter.

This reservoir was built with taxpayer money for the purpose of flood control and irrigation. Since the people are already paying for it they should be allowed to use it for free. The Forest Service already has too many campgrounds in the area that they are unable to maintain. We have recently lost an entire bridge over a freeway due to the fact that the Forest Service would not maintain the road leading to this bridge. This road was still in good shape even after this decision was made but now it is gated and can never be used again. Ifm afraid the same thing will happen to our reservoir and the taxpayers will be out millions.

Now is a bad time to do any type of reorganizing around Lake Isabella. Major dam reconstruction will soon commence in which the dams will be raised and roads will be rerouted. Much of this will take place in the areas that the Forest Service wishes to do their projects and I couldnft imagine a worse time for doing something that is not needed or wanted. It will be hard enough on the people of this valley to deal with the problems that will be caused by the dam construction, not to mention the cost to the taxpayer. We do not need any more large-scale projects at this time.

I would rather see the Forest Service use our money to rehabilitate burn areas as opposed to blocking access to public lands and continually trying to milk more money out of the people by imposing day-use fees or requiring the use of a pass.

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Sincerely,

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