

Objection Period Bitterroot National Forest

The Bitterroot National Forest is initiating a 45-day objection period to allow individuals or organizations to submit objections to new information on the Canyon Lake Dam Access for Repair Project concerning the potential effects of dam repair activities to affected resources.

The *Draft* Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and updated Environmental Assessment (EA), and other supporting documentation related to the project are available for review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55165>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Amy Fox, Environmental Coordinator, 1801 N. First St., Hamilton, MT, 59840 or at 406-363-7120.

Please note that the consideration of objections is strictly limited to new information regarding repair work on the dam and the effects of that work on affected resources; no other issues will be considered during this objection period.

Mailed, emailed, faxed, or hand-delivered objections concerning this issue will be accepted for 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice.

Objections mailed or hand-delivered must be submitted to the reviewing officer at:

Objection Reviewing Officer
USDA Forest Service
26 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

Hand-delivered objections must be delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays.

Electronic objections must be submitted to: appeals-northern-regional-office@usda.gov with "Canyon Lake Dam Access for Repair Project Objection" in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g. Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response will confirm that your electronic objection has been received.

Faxed objections must be faxed to the Objection Reviewing Officer at: (406) 329-3411. Please include "Canyon Lake Dam Access for Repair Project Objection" in the subject line.

All objections must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 218.8(d) and must include the following information:

- 1) Objector's name and address as defined in § 218.2, with a telephone number, if available;
- 2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);
- 3) When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector as defined in § 218.2. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must be provided upon request or the reviewing officer will designate a lead objector as provided in § 218.5(d);
- 4) The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;

- 5) A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider.

The publication date of this public notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors must not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source (36 CFR 218.6(c)). It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the reviewing officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period. **Objections must be received by May 6, 2020.**

All objections are open to public inspection and will be posted to the Forest Service web site.