



File Code: 1950, East Reservoir Project

Date: April 16, 2014

**OPPORTUNITY to OBJECT
FEIS and DRAFT ROD
EAST RESERVOIR PROJECT**

On March 17, 2014, a letter informing that the Final Environmental Statement (FEIS) and the Draft Record of Decision (DROD) for the East Reservoir Project was available for review and objection was sent out. Due to a mistake in the legal notice published in the Daily Inter Lake on March 21, 2014 the objection period was incorrect. Therefore, a new legal notice will be published in the Daily Inter Lake on or about Friday April 18, 2014. This will be the new starting date of the 45-day objection period for the FEIS and DROD. Please contact Denise Beck, Libby Ranger District, 12557 US Hwy 37, Libby MT 59923 (406-293-7773) to request a copy of the FEIS and DROD.

The opportunity to object on the FEIS/draft ROD ends 45 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in the Daily Inter Lake (newspaper of record). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

The contents of the FEIS and DROD for the project have not changed; therefore copies of the FEIS and DROD will not be remailed.

Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment (218.8c)).

Objections submitted by individuals or organizations must meet the following requirements outlined in 36 CFR 218.8(d): At a minimum, an objection must include the following: (1) Objector's name and address with a telephone number; (2) Identification of the lead objector; (3) 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; (4) 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 draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and (5) A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection.

Copies of the FEIS and draft ROD will be mailed to people who have submitted comments either during the scoping period and to those who request a copy. Written comments should be sent to:

USDA Forest Service Northern Region
ATTN: Reviewing Officer, Faye Krueger
P. O. Box 7669
Missoula, Montana 59807-7669
FAX (406) 329-3411
Email: appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us

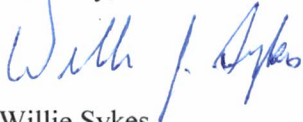
Objections received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers are a part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Responses that



do not adhere to the five listed requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.10. For more information, please contact Denise Beck at the Libby Ranger District, (406) 293-7773. Information on the project will also be posted on the Kootenai National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai/projects/projects>.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Willie Sykes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Willie Sykes
Acting Libby District Ranger