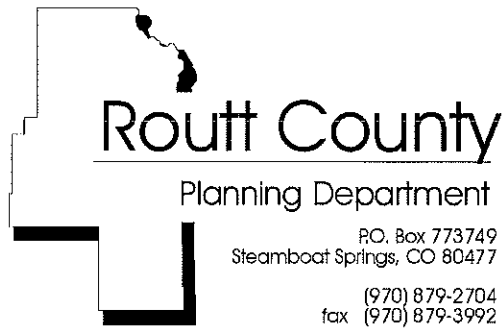


PZ2007-006

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December 28, 2007

Kevin McBride
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
P.O. Box 880339
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488-0339

RE: PZ2007-006 Minor Amendment to PUD
Stagecoach Reservoir

Dear Kevin:

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If you have any questions, or if I may elaborate further, please feel free to call.

Best regards,

Chad Phillips
Director

Ross Easterling

From: Chad Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Ross Easterling
Subject: FW: Stagecoach Reservoir pre-application meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Libbie [mailto:Libbie.Miller@state.co.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 3:21 PM
To: Chad Phillips
Cc: Haskins, Jim; Atkinson, Bill
Subject: FW: Stagecoach Reservoir pre-application meeting

Chad

I know that the planning department is currently reviewing an application from Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District regarding the proposed Stagecoach Reservoir expansion. I am not sure if you are aware that several agencies have a variety of concerns about this proposed project; subsequently, the ACOE will be hosting a pre-application (for the ACOE permit) meeting. Unfortunately, this meeting will likely not be held prior to the Planning Department's comment due date set for the UYWCD's application to the county; however, I thought that county planning might be interested in attending the ACOE meeting as well.

Unless I hear otherwise, the CDOW will still respond to your referral request on this issue by the deadline.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Libbie Miller
District Wildlife Manager – Yampa

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Libbie
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 3:09 PM
To: 'Nathan.J.Green@usace.army.mil'
Cc: Atkinson, Bill; Haskins, Jim; Preston, Craig
Subject: FW: Stagecoach Reservoir pre-application meeting

Nathan

Of the dates you provided, here are the dates that will work for both Bill Atkinson and I.

Monday, January 7
Thursday, January 10
Monday, January 21
Thursday, January 24

I have also passed along your request to Craig Preston, who is the Parks Manager at Stagecoach State Park, as he is interested in this issue and may have input as well.

In addition, you may not be aware that the Routt County Planning Department is currently reviewing a petition from UYWCD regarding the proposed reservoir expansion. It may be worth inviting them too.

12/11/2007

Lastly, here is my correct email address for future correspondence.

Email: libbie.miller@state.co.us

Thanks for scheduling this pre-application meeting.

Libbie Miller
District Wildlife Manager – Yampa

-----Original Message-----

From: Green, Nathan J SPK [mailto:Nathan.J.Green@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 4:04 PM

To: fowler.sarah@epa.gov; Atkinson, Bill; Patty_Schradergelatt@fws.gov; Al_Pfister@fws.gov; Kent A. Crofts; kmcbride@mwwater.com; libby.miller@state.co.us; Jacobson, Ken SPK; william.gueylee@ferc.gov; linda.stewart@ferc.com

Subject: Stagecoach Reservoir pre-application meeting

Importance: High

Hello everyone,

I am writing to request a pre-application meeting regarding the Stagecoach Reservoir expansion project. At this meeting the agencies will be able to discuss, face-to-face, the specific issues that need to be addressed prior to the submittal of a Department of the Army permit application. I would appreciate all of the input that each of you have in your respective areas of expertise. The meeting will be held in our office in Grand Junction, Colorado at the address below. I have attached some tentative dates for this meeting, please respond to me with which dates will work for you and I will schedule this meeting accordingly. It would be most beneficial if you could all attend in person, however, we can make accommodations for people who are unable to attend to phone in to the meeting. Your input will help to streamline the permitting process and help to ensure that any stumbling blocks will be able to be addressed and overcome by the time our public notice is issued.

Here are the possible dates:

12/17 - 12/21

1/7 - 1/11

1/21 - 1/25

Sincerely,

Nathan Green
Regulatory Project Manager
Colorado/Gunnison Basin Regulatory Office
400 Rood Avenue, Room 142
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-2563
(970) 243-1199 extension 12
www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory

Ross Easterling

From: Chad Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 5:01 PM
To: Ross Easterling
Subject: FW: FERC Project 9202 - Stagecoach Reservoir Enlargement - FERC Filing

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Alice Page-Allen
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:26 PM
To: Chad Phillips
Subject: FW: FERC Project 9202 - Stagecoach Reservoir Enlargement - FERC Filing

To keep you in the loop

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne.Dyok@tteci.com [mailto:Wayne.Dyok@tteci.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:15 PM
To: patty_schradergelatt@fws.gov; libbie.miller@state.co.us; andrew.poirot@state.co.us; Mary Alice Page-Allen; prestonc@parks-mx.state.co.us; elvis.iacovetto@state.co.us; erin.light@state.co.us
Cc: John Fetcher; kmcbride@mwwater.com
Subject: FERC Project 9202 - Stagecoach Reservoir Enlargement - FERC Filing

Good afternoon everyone. Earlier today Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District electronically filed their response to FERC's June 18, 2007 deficiency letter and request for additional information. Attached for your use are the two PDF files that were transmitted to FERC.

Special thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Water Quality Control Division, and Stagecoach State Park for providing comments on the draft responses. Please take a look at the District's responses to your letters. The District modified the draft response to address your comments. Further, the District has included specific responses to your letters in Appendix B. The District plans to continue working with you as the design develops.

Regards,
Wayne

10/24/2007

Ross Easterling

From: Mike Zopf
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 11:58 AM
To: Ross Easterling
Cc: Chad Phillips
Subject: Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District(UYWCD)/Stagecoach PUD

Ross,

The Supplemental Narrative supplied by UYWCD indicates that after the enlargement of the reservoir the sewage vault in Area F would encroach on the required 25 foot setback to the reservoir. Specifically, the vault would be approximately 19 feet from the waters edge. Currently, we do not have any variance procedure in place to allow for this encroachment. The Board of County Commissioners will be considering the implementation of a variance procedure in the near future. Therefore, any action that the Planning Administrator takes on this application should mention that the applicant must comply with all Routt County Individual Sewage Disposal System Regulations and Setbacks (or they must obtain a variance, if approved by the Routt County Board of County Commissioners).

Thanks, Mike

Michael J. Zopf, Director
Routt County Dept. of Environmental Health
PO Box 770087
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970)879-0185

Ross Easterling

From: Ross Easterling
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2007 9:48 AM
To: Chad Phillips
Subject: Stagecoach Res. PUD Amendment:

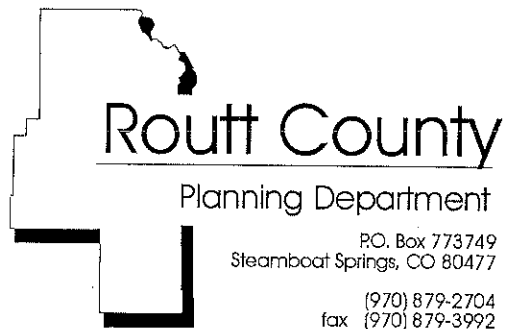
I'm putting the Stagecoach Res. Amendment on your door.

I've talked to Kevin McBride a few times. He returned my call yesterday (Nov. 28) and he is having the Zirkel site plotted on the map/plan.

With the files that Chris and Connie gave me as well as photos and such, I think our application is as complete as we are going to get it.

I'd like to get the APO letters out today.

R



December 28, 2007

Kevin McBride
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
P.O. Box 880339
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488-0339

RE: PZ2007-006 Minor Amendment to PUD
Stagecoach Reservoir

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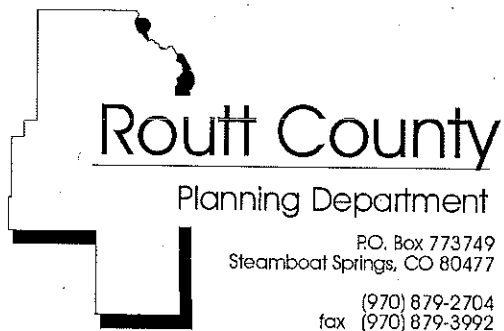
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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad Phillips", is written over a horizontal line.

Chad Phillips
Director



01/23/2009

Mr. Kevin McBride
District Engineer
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
P.O. Box 880339
Steamboat Springs, CO

RE: PP2008-013
Stagecoach Reservoir Raise 1041 Presubmittal review

Dear Mr. McBride:

The Planning Department is in receipt of your December 10, 2008 letter notifying us of the District's December 5 filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.) Based on the following submission items the Planning Department has deemed application complete:

- FERC application documents
- December 2008 Construction Drawings
- August 21, 2008 Wildlife Mitigation Plan
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "Recovery Agreement." Recd 1-19-09

Please forward any additional documents that you wish to submit at you earliest convenience.

The Public Notice of Determination will be posted in the February 8, 2009 Steamboat Pilot. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Ross Easterling.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad Phillips", followed by a horizontal line.

Chad Phillips, AICP
Planning Director

Cc: file

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



March 2, 2009

Mr. Chad Phillips
Director Routt County Planning Department
Routt County Planning Department
PO Box 773749
136 6th Street
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

RE: Stagecoach Reservoir Raise, PUD amendment and 1041 application

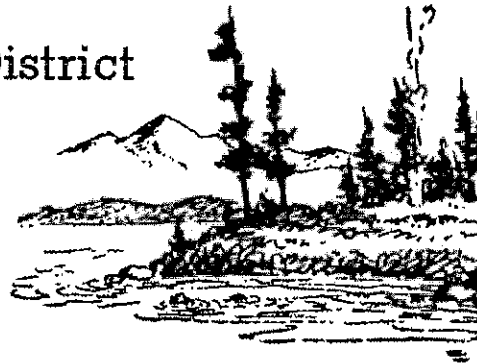
Dear Mr. Phillips:

We understand there is flexibility in the assessment of fees on public agencies in the application process. Fees may be waived or reduced by the Planning Director or the Board of County Commissioners for projects of public entities and for projects of non-profit entities that will have a substantial benefit to the citizens of Routt County. As you know the boundaries of the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) and Routt County are very similar and the UYWCD is a public, non-profit agency. An expanded reservoir will provide additional water resources of just over 3,000 acre feet for the substantial benefit of our constituents. We ask that you waive the fees on the above referenced applications to help us in our efforts conserving this valuable resource. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin McBride
District Manager
UYWCD

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



September 20, 2006

**Subject: FERC Project No. 9202
Stagecoach Reservoir Capacity Increase
Draft Joint Meeting Notes, Approach to Issue Resolution, and
Request for Waiver from Draft Application**

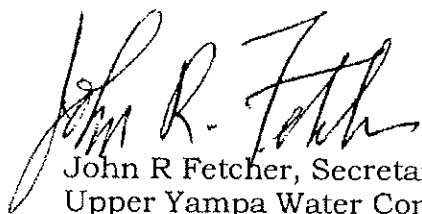
Dear Joint Meeting Participant:

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Joint meetings held on August 16, 2006 to discuss the four-foot Stagecoach spillway raise and associated reservoir capacity increase. We appreciate the thoughtful comments and issues that you raised during the meetings. We have prepared draft meeting minutes for your review and comment (see enclosure). We ask that you provide any edits to the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (District) by the October 15, 2006 due date for comments on the Initial Information Report (IIR). We will then revise the minutes and reissue them as final.

Over the past month, we have discussed the items raised during the Joint meetings with our consultants and agencies. As presented in Attachment 1, we have addressed most issues. For a couple of issues, we have presented preliminary results and a proposed approach. Please review our responses to the issues raised, and let us know if you concur with our assessments and approaches. We propose to contact you prior to the October 15th due date for comments on the Initial Information Report to discuss any further thoughts that you may have.

Assuming you concur with the analytical approaches and results, we ask that in your transmittal letter to the District that you comment on the acceptability of a waiver request to FERC to forego the draft amendment application. As we mentioned in the Joint meeting, you will have the opportunity to provide comments after filing of the final application, and after FERC prepares a draft environmental assessment, should FERC determine that a draft is necessary. The District will formally request waiver from the draft amendment application from FERC after receipt of your letters.

We look forward to your comments on the IIR, the meeting summaries, and our approach to issue resolution. Please contact me at 970/879-2424 if you have any questions.



John R Fetcher, Secretary
Upper Yampa Water Conservation District

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 880339
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488-0339

Location
Fish Creek Filtration Plant
3310 Clear Water Trail

Telephone
(970) 879-2424
Fax (970) 879-8169



Colorado State Parks

Stagecoach State Park

P O Box 98 • Oak creek, Colorado 80487 • Phone (970) 736-2436 • FAX (970) 736-2516 • www.parks.state.co.us

Kevin McBride, P.E.
District Engineer
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
P.O. Box 880339
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488

October 1st, 2007

Dear Kevin

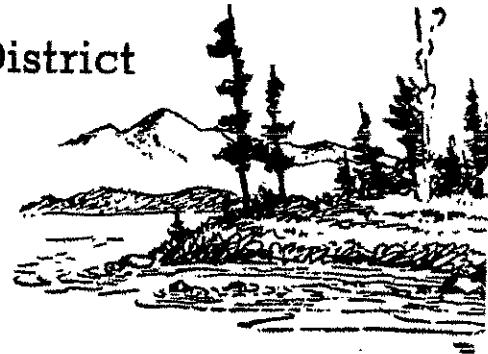
I have reviewed the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District's original and amendment applications and I want to convey support from Stagecoach State Park and the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for this project. Thank you for maintaining communication throughout this application process, keeping us informed and getting our input. The District has been very supportive over the years and I am confident that you will continue work with State Parks to complete all infrastructure improvements necessary to maintain quality recreation at Stagecoach State Park.

We truly appreciate the cooperation and support that the District shows Stagecoach State Park in all aspects of managing this popular recreation destination and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely

Craig Preston
Park Manager
Stagecoach State Park

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



October 10, 2007

The Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C.

Project 9202-142 CO
Stagecoach Hydropower Project
Application for Non-Capacity related Minor License Amendment

Dear Secretary:

This letter and its attachments provide additional information about the steps the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District will take in the enlargement of Stagecoach Reservoir. The proposed enlargement will be made by increasing the height of the spillway crest by four feet. A letter dated June 18, 2007 from FERC listed items deficient or needing additional information in our request for a non-capacity related minor amendment to the project's FERC license. Our initial response to the FERC letter was made available via email on August 22, 2007. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) each responded to the information we supplied in separate letters of September 18, September 24 and September 21, 2007 respectively.

Attached are our responses to questions raised in those letters referencing each letter and addressing each question raised separately.

We look forward to completing the license amendment and creating important additional storage in Stagecoach Reservoir.

Sincerely,

UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John R. Fletcher
John R. Fletcher, Secretary/Manager

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Enclosures

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 880339

Steamboat Springs, CO 80488-0339

Location

Fish Creek Filtration Plant

3910 Clear Water Trail

Telephone

(970) 879-2424

Fax (970) 879-8169

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



October 3, 2008

Mr. Chad Phillips
Director Routt County Planning Department
Routt County Planning Department
PO Box 773749
136 6th Street
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

RE: Stagecoach Reservoir Raise, PUD amendment and 1041 application

Dear Mr. Phillips

The UYWCD previously requested a ninety day continuance to our 1041 application for the raise of Stagecoach Reservoir to October 7, 2008. We think we have now addressed all the questions raised by reviewing agencies and will be submitting a request for a license amendment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission within the next two weeks. In order to insure you have a current copy of that permit application, we request an additional 30 day continuance to November 7, 2008.

Sincerely,

Kevin McBride, P.E.
District Engineer, UYWCD



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

JAN 30 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 07-08-0943R

The Honorable Nancy J. Stahoviak
Chairman, Routt County
Board of Commissioners
136 Sixth Street, Box 773598
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-3598

Community: Routt County, CO
Community No.: 080156

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Dear Ms. Stahoviak:

This responds to a request that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) comment on the effects that a proposed project would have on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Routt County, Colorado and Incorporated Areas, in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated September 2007, Mr. Gregory G. Glunz, P.E., URS Corporation, requested that FEMA evaluate the effects that raising the spillway crest at Stagecoach Reservoir, along with updated topographic information along the Yampa River from Stagecoach Dam to approximately 16,000 feet upstream of Stagecoach Dam, would have on the flood hazard information shown on the effective FIRM.

All data required to complete our review of this request for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) were submitted with letters from Mr. Glunz.

We reviewed the submitted data and the data used to prepare the effective FIRM for your community and determined that the proposed project meets the minimum floodplain management criteria of the NFIP. The submitted existing conditions analysis, based on updated topographic information, was used as the base condition in our review of the proposed conditions analysis for this CLOMR request. We believe that if the proposed project is constructed as shown in the submitted report entitled "Conditional Letter of Map Revision Request for Floodplain Changes Associated with a Spillway Raise at Stagecoach Reservoir," prepared by URS Corporation, dated September 2007, and the data listed below are received, a revision to the FIRM would be warranted.

As a result of the proposed spillway raise and the updated topographic data, the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood water elevations (WSELs) for the Yampa River will increase compared to existing conditions base flood WSELs. The maximum increase in base flood WSEL, 4.0 feet, will occur uniformly across the reservoir, from Stagecoach Dam to approximately 14,400 feet upstream of Stagecoach Dam.

As a result of the proposed spillway raise and updated topographic data, the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, will increase compared to the effective SFHA. The maximum increase in SFHA width, approximately 200 feet, will occur approximately 5,000 feet upstream of Stagecoach Dam.

Upon completion of the project, your community may submit the data listed below and request that we make a final determination on revising the effective FIRM.

- Detailed application and certification forms, which were used in processing this request, must be used for requesting final revisions to the maps. Therefore, when the map revision request for the area covered by this letter is submitted, Form 1, entitled "Overview & Concurrence Form," must be included. (A copy of this form is enclosed.)
- The detailed application and certification forms listed below may be required if as-built conditions differ from the conceptual plans. If required, please submit new forms (copies of which are enclosed) or annotated copies of the previously submitted forms showing the revised information.

Form 2, entitled "Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form"

Form 3, entitled "Riverine Structures Form"

- Effective October 1, 2007, FEMA revised the fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps. In accordance with this schedule, the current fee for this map revision request is \$4,800 and must be received before we can begin processing the request. Please note, however, that the fee schedule is subject to change, and requesters are required to submit the fee in effect at the time of the submittal. Payment of this fee shall be made in the form of a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). The payment, along with the revision application, must be forwarded to the following address:

FEMA National Service Provider
3601 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22304-6425

- As-built plans, certified by a registered professional engineer, of all proposed project elements
- Community acknowledgment of the map revision request
- An officially adopted maintenance and operation plan for the Stagecoach Dam. This plan, which may be in the form of a written statement from the community Chief Executive Officer, an ordinance, or other legislation, must describe the nature of the maintenance activities, the frequency with which they will be performed, and the title of the local community official who will be responsible for ensuring that the maintenance activities are accomplished.
- Evidence of notification of all property owners who will be affected by any increases in width and/or shifting of the base floodplain

After receiving appropriate documentation to show that the project has been completed, FEMA will initiate a revision to the FIRM.

This CLOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or

comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by calling the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in Denver, Colorado, at (303) 235-4830. If you have any questions regarding this CLOMR, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,

Beth A Norton

Beth A. Norton, CFM, Program Specialist
Engineering Management Branch
Mitigation Directorate

For: William R. Blanton Jr., CFM, Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Chad Phillips, A.I.C.P.
Floodplain Administrator
Routt County

Mr. Kevin McBride
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FEMA NATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER

Chad

December 4, 2007

DEC - 7 2007

Mr. Gregory G. Glunz, P.E.
URS Corporation
8181 East Tufts Avenue
Denver, CO 80237

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 07-08-0943R
Community: Routt County, CO
Community No.: 080156

316-AD

Dear Mr. Glunz:

This responds to your request dated September 2007, that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issue a conditional revision to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Routt County, Colorado and Incorporated Areas. Pertinent information about the request is listed below.

Identifier:	Stagecoach Dam Spillway Raise
Flooding Source:	Yampa River
FIRM Panel(s) Affected:	08107C1050 D and 08107C1075 D

The data required to complete our review, which must be submitted within 90 days of the date of this letter, are listed on the enclosed summary.

If we do not receive the required data within 90 days, we will suspend our processing of your request. Any data submitted after 90 days will be treated as an original submittal and will be subject to all submittal/payment procedures, including the flat review and processing fee for requests of this type established by the current fee schedule. A copy of the notice summarizing the current fee schedule, which was published in the *Federal Register*, is enclosed for your information.

FEMA receives a very large volume of requests and cannot maintain inactive requests for an indefinite period of time. Therefore, we are unable to grant extensions for the submission of required data/fee for revision requests. If a requester is informed by letter that additional data are required to complete our review of a request, the data/fee **must** be submitted within 90 days of the date of the letter. Any fees already paid will be forfeited for any request for which the requested data are not received within 90 days.

If you have general questions about your request, FEMA policy, or the National Flood Insurance Program, please call the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). If you have specific questions concerning your request, please contact the Revisions Coordinator for your State, Mr. Andrew Friend, CFM, at Andrew.Friend@mapmodteam.com or at (720) 479-3150.

Sincerely,



Syed Qayum, CFM
National LOMR Technical Manager
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Chad Phillips, A.I.C.P.
Floodplain Administrator
Routt County

Mr. Kevin McBride
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



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FEMA NATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER

Summary of Additional Data Required to Support a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)

Case No.: 07-08-0943R

Requester: Mr. Gregory G. Glunz, P.E.

Community: Routt County, CO

Community No.: 080156

The issues listed below must be addressed before we can continue the review of your request.

Our detailed review revealed increases in Water Surface Elevation (WSEL) as a result of the proposed project. Please provide evidence that the project meets all requirements of Section 65.12 of the NFIP regulations, including certification that no insurable structures are located in areas that would be affected by the increases in WSEL.

Please send the required data directly to Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Attention: Andrew Friend, at Union Financial Plaza, Suite 200, 355 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, CO 80228. For identification purposes, please include the case number referenced above on all correspondence.

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District



17 October 2007

Mr. Chad Phillips, Planning Director
Routt County Planning Commission
PO Box 773749
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

RE: PUD Amendment for Stagecoach Reservoir

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District is applying for a minor amendment of the existing PUD for Stagecoach Reservoir. We plan to increase the capacity of the reservoir by raising the spillway crest by four feet. The county is in receipt of the application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that describes much of the background of the proposal. This application to Routt County covers items identified in meetings with the County as important to the PUD process. Our responses to these items along with two appendices to more fully describe park facilities and a potential south shore marina are enclosed.

Please call with any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,

UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



John R. Fetcher, Secretary/Manager

JRF/ji

Encl.



June 13, 2007

Subject: LOMR Application for Stagecoach Reservoir

To whom it may concern,

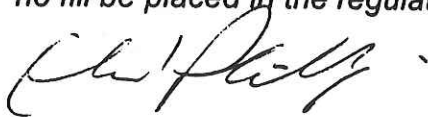
As the Routt County Floodplain Administrator, I have concerns with the standard "Community Official" language as shown on FEMA Form 81-89, SEP 02.

Located above the Community Official's signature block, the language states

"As the community official responsible for floodplain management, I hereby acknowledge that we have received and reviewed this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) or Conditional LOMR request. Based upon the community's review, we find the completed or proposed project meets or is designed to meet all of the community floodplain management requirements, including the requirement that no fill be placed in the regulatory floodway, and that all necessary Federal, State, and local permits have been, or in the case of a Conditional LOMR, will be obtained. In addition, we have determined that the land and any existing or proposed structures to be removed from the SFHA are or will be reasonably safe from flooding as defined in 44CFR 65.2(c), and that we have available upon request by FEMA, all analyses and documentation used to make this determination."

The county understands this request is for a proposed modification to the dam at Stagecoach Reservoir that would result in a four foot increase in the surface water level and associated floodplain. The Stagecoach Reservoir and the surrounding State Park have gained local land use approvals through a Planned Unit Development (PUD) process. Routt County Zoning Regulations require an amendment to the PUD for a change such as the proposed dam/reservoir expansion. To this date, the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) has not made application for such PUD amendment. The applicants have not received all local permits and I can not say that they will obtain all local approvals. Also, I have no way of knowing if they have obtained all necessary Federal and State permits as well. In addition, I understand that this application is for an increase in the SFHA, so no land or structures will be removed. For these reasons, I can only sign the portion of the local acknowledgement that applies:

As the community official responsible for floodplain management, I hereby acknowledge that we have received and reviewed this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) or Conditional LOMR request. Based upon the community's review, we find the completed or proposed project meets or is designed to meet all of the community floodplain management requirements, including the requirement that no fill be placed in the regulatory floodway.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Phillips", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chad Phillips, A.I.C.P.
Routt County Floodplain Administrator