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Canyon Creek Irrigation District Board of Commissioners strongly urges the approval of the newly released Minimum Tools analysis for our Dam Rehab Project. We do not believe primitive tool rebuild of the high hazard dam is possible. The original construction was obviously accomplished with primitive tools but the dam does not meet current standards for dam safety. The dam leaks and sink holes are an increasing nuisance and expense to deal with in emergency situations. New technology, a geo-membrane liner, would be impossible to install without motorized equipment even if it was possible to transport the large heavy load over the primitive, essentially unmaintained 5 mile trail to the lake. The window for activity at the dam is short, after the lake level is drawn down and before winter snow.

We have valid bids for a contractor to begin reconstruction sometime in late August 2020. The membrane, to assure availability by then, will have to be ordered sometime in early June. Please do your best to issue a decision as soon as possible after the deadline for objections which I believe is May 8. Objectors have ample time to submit their reasoning before then and please do not grant an extension of the objection deadline. We need a prompt decision in order to schedule materials delivery and logistics planning to accomplish the project to protect Forest and private resources as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Cheers

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