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Sent via upload: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/whiteriver/?project=66930>.

RE: Project# 66930 Snake River Water District, Keystone Water Tank Project Scoping Notice

Dear Sam:

The Town of Keystone has received the Scoping Notice for the proposed water tank, water line and access road for project# 66930. The proposed work is located in an area contained within the county's Snake River Master Plan (SRMP), and a portion of the work is also within the town limits. The SRMP has been adopted by the Town on an interim basis, until the Town's Comprehensive Plan is established. As such, the proposed work should be in alignment with the SRMP to the greatest extent possible. This includes consistency with SRMP *Policy 8 - Relationship to and Impact on Surrounding Land Uses, Natural Systems or Environmental Resources*, that provides the following guidance:

New Development should avoid to the extent practicable, adverse impacts to visually important lands, prominent landscapes, visual quality, environmentally sensitive areas, critical habitat for threatened or endangered species, natural features, and historical or archaeological resources.

The Town has the following comments as supported by the SRMP:

1. Avoid disturbance to wetlands / environmental features, including the creek area as discussed in the scoping notice – please implement revegetation measures as may be needed.
2. Minimize any water quality impacts – please implement erosion control measures during and after construction activities.
3. Mitigate visual impacts of the tank on the area - the water tank appears to be in a visible area near residential development within the Town's limits, impacts should be mitigated to the greatest extent possible:
 - Trees and vegetation that provide natural screening should be left in place to the greatest extent possible to minimize visual impacts to the nearby residential properties within the Town of Keystone, and from US HWY 6.

- Ensure that the tank is painted a neutral color to blend into the natural surroundings, and with as much of the tank buried below grade as possible.
4. The Town is also interested in impacts to recreational access and trails in the area, including closures or rerouting of any trails during and after construction. The Town requests notification of any such work, and if the project will affect trail and recreation access to neighboring Keystone properties.
 5. Finally, please be advised that the portion of the project within Town limits will be subject to 1041 regulations, which allow local jurisdictions to review areas of State Interest including utility projects. The Town will work with the applicant on the Town's 1041 permitting process.

Sincerely,

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