
Sweetwater Lake Draft EIS: Request analysis for ingress/egress for natural disaster emergencies

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Dear Supervisor Glaspell,

In the meeting with the Sweetwater Lake Working Group on August 31, 2026, the community expressed serious concerns regarding emergency ingress/egress along the Sweetwater Road corridor as it relates to the increase in visitors proposed in the Draft EIS.

The group noted that page 170 of the Draft EIS cites an analysis of "ingress/egress for natural disaster emergencies (e.g. wildfire)," but that specific analysis is missing from the Draft EIS and its supporting documents. This is particularly concerning given the wildfire evacuations in recent years, as well as frequent road closures due to mudslides/boulders—including the multiple newsworthy August 30, 2026 mudslides just the day before our meeting—that have trapped residents and lake visitors alike.

During the meeting, we asked if the referenced analysis was completed and requested a copy. You agreed to check for us, but we have not yet received a response.

Please kindly confirm if such an analysis exists. If it does exist, we respectfully request a copy or a reason why a copy cannot be shared with us.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Summerlin

Sweetwater Lake Working Group