
SUPPLEMENT—Houck report confirms risk that the sole county road could become impassable

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Houck, K. 2023, "Geologic Hazards at the Sweetwater Lake Property".pdf; Sweetwater_Lake_Houck_Egress_Supplement_2026-08-05.pdf;

Chair Tutchton, Director Clellan, and Commissioners:

I am replying to supplement the Sweetwater Lake Working Group's July 29 egress letter.

The Forest Service has now publicly posted Karen Houck's December 2023 geologic-hazards report. Although the DEIS cites that report, it does not disclose or analyze Houck's conclusion that downstream landslides and debris flows could bury the county road and render it impassable.

That warning converts the missing egress analysis into a specific single-point-of-failure issue involving the only public road serving the project area.

We submitted the attached supplement through CARA today (ID 284162-6986-55). Please include it and CPW's response in the project record, circulate both to every Commissioner, and respond by the August 21 date requested in our original letter.

Thank you,

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Subject: Sweetwater Lake DEIS—missing natural-disaster egress analysis and request for CPW response

Chair Tutchton:

Attached is a letter from the Sweetwater Lake Working Group concerning the natural-disaster ingress/egress analysis identified in CPW's scoping comment and the DEIS materials but not provided.

The letter was submitted today through CARA for the Sweetwater Lake DEIS record (ID 284162-6986-46) and through the CPW Commission Engage Page. We respectfully request CPW's written response by August 21 and ask that the letter and response be circulated to every commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

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