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Comments: Hello,

I have reviewed the public comment period items that are included in the forest service notice for comments.

The initial investigation appears to be proposed to be completed in 2 phases, the geophysical and then the geotechnical subsurface investigation.

I am wondering why the party proposing the working is not required to have a completed review of the geophysical work prior to starting the geotechnical work? If the geophysical work indicates that the below surface conditions do not meet the design requirements then why would the geotechnical work be allowed to continue?

Your letter mentions that best practices will be followed, can you please let me know what best practices are for the following:

1. Removal of soil samples from the drill samples? If the area is in a wetland how will the bore holes be remediated to match the existing conditions?
2. What limits are there on removal of soil from the core samples in the geotechnical drilling?
3. What is best practice for road install and removal in areas that are mapped wetlands?

Can you also shed some light on why 3 potential locations are being investigated in this phase (A, B, and D)? If the location of the dam from a storage location is not defined then why are they being allowed to commence geophysical and geotechnical investigations?

Thanks

Zak