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RE: Continual Flooding due to Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and Floods

Greetings Amena,

It was great to talk with you Thursday.

Thank you for describing the draft Recovery Plan for the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and Floods. Also for opening the door for hearing our concerns.

Below I have listed our concern, the location and possible ideas for remedying the situation the best we can.

CONCERN: Every rain brings new flooding and debris washing out the access roads and threatening homes.

LOCATION: Rincon Montoso, County Road A3A, within the Sapello Valley

- 7 Rainbow Road driveway washes out, destroying vehicles and threatening the house foundation.
- Water continues washing out Pond Road, depositing rock and debris as it travels to the Sapello River

This has happened multiple times, most recently in mid-October

- Rincon Montoso Road deeply washed out and became a canyon at the first flood after the fire. The water from this road flows and adds to the ravine that floods 7 Rainbow Road. An additional concern is continual rains down Rincon Montoso Road eventually reaching Rainbow Road, running into the home at the bottom of the hill. 12 Rainbow Road.

STARTING POINT OF THE WATER:

Six miles of Sapello River Water Shed from Skyline Trail down to Rincon Montoso. Including

Lone Pine Mesa Watershed to its confluence with the Sapello River at Pond Road

SUGGESTIONS:

There is a need to slow the flow of water from Lone Pine Mesa down the ravines. Somehow divert the flow through cascading barriers.

i.e. -Contour Log Felling: Fallen trees packed into place down the ravine

-Gabions placed strategically down the ravines

-Stabilized diversion ditches

-Check dams

Thank you again for welcoming our concerns. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the open comment period.