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Comments: Dear Forest Service, Thank you for all of your work on this proposal, and for the opportunity to comment.

I am in favor of Alternative #5. Your project studies indicate that the original tunnel design was rushed due to the emergency situation that existed in the early 1980's. More information is now known about the area's geology, so it does not make sense to repair and maintain the existing tunnel. A new tunnel design is needed. Alternative #5 also would have the least lasting impact on wildlife and the environment.

Regardless of the solution, the level of Spirit Lake needs to be maintained. It's unlikely that there will be large, unexpected surges of water that would require additional storage capacity. Reducing the level would significantly alter the characteristics of a lake that has major spiritual, historical, and scientific importance.

Please consider the research that has been conducted over the last 45 years in your decision, and move forward from here, not from where we were in 1980.

Thank you.