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To: Merritt, David
Subject: Peabody Trout Creek Reservoir

Good Afternoon David:

I have just finished my review of your pre-application for the aforementioned project. I know that I am six days late on your public comment period. However, I will submit my comments for the good of the order and you may process them as you wish.

Recommendations:

- I recommend that willow plantings be incorporated alongside your proposed rock riprap on the slope upstream from the proposed reservoir.
- I also recommend that the proposition of the tire and equipment wash is made mandatory on upon entrance and exit of the construction site. This has the likely effect of saving time and money on noxious weed management in the long run, as well as preventing the spread of noxious weed to areas outside the proposed construction zone, as well as inside.

Further Questions:

- It is stated that Peabody has studied 36 groundwater testing sites, can you please direct me to this data reflecting that the riparian habitats are supported by groundwater more than surface water.
- How many acres of the affected land is currently irrigated?
- With the increase in storage of Stagecoach Reservoir in the past two years, along with any new perfected storage rights, can you provide more accurate information on impacts to the Yampa River since Roehm's sited 2004 study?

David, I really appreciate the opportunity to comment on this plan. My apologies for the tardiness of the reply. Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss any of these points, or if there is anything the Routt County Conservation District (RCCD) can assist you on. It is worth noting that RCCD is in the process of writing a Watershed Plan for the Upper Yampa which will update the issues addressed in the Upper Yampa Implementation Plan and 208 Plan.

Sincerely,

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