



November 1, 2011

Federal Aid Coordinator
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
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RE: Letter of Support for Funding Request to Replace the Lucerne Valley Marina Wave Attenuator

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of the Lake Flaming Gorge Yacht Club, and is in support of the USDA Forest Service's funding proposal to replace the existing wave attenuator at Lucerne Valley Marina on Flaming Gorge. The existing attenuator, which was originally constructed of large tires in the 1990's, has outlived its service life, has substantially failed, and is no longer providing protection for the public as originally intended.

The Lake Flaming Gorge Yacht Club was founded in 1986 to serve the interests of boat owners and water recreation enthusiasts utilizing the waters and surrounding area of Flaming Gorge. It currently has a membership of 85 members. In serving the public and its members, the Yacht Club has made boating access safety one of its highest priorities. We believe the single greatest safety improvement that can be made at Lucerne Marina is to restore and improve wave attenuation for public boating access and facilities protection.

In addition, Lucerne Valley Marina is the most popular marina on Flaming Gorge. It lies adjacent to significant campground facilities and, because of its location and amenities, is the marina that best supports the recreational interests of the largest metropolitan areas in the State of Utah. As such, thousands of Utah boaters visit and utilize the Marina for various recreational purposes each year. Again, replacement of the existing wave attenuator is essential in continuing to provide safe boating access for the visiting public and protection of public boating facilities at the Marina.

We believe that approval of the Forest Service's funding request will provide for many important public purposes and needs at the Marina, not the least of which include the benefit of boater safety and protection during the numerous inclement weather events that occur each year. We hope this letter of support assists in providing a solid basis for a favorable outcome to this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Timothy Budd
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October 24, 2011

Ashley National Forest Service
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RE: Attenuator at Lucerne Bay ramp

Dear Ms. Paulin,

Lucerne Bay ramp has the highest usage of any ramp within the Flaming Gorge NRA. Lucerne Valley Marina has provided public facilities here since 1965.

We experienced several major wind events that have made this ramp extremely dangerous for launching and loading boats. This bay has approximately four miles of fetch from the East which creates waves up to four foot at this public ramp. During these storms, this wave action makes the use of this ramp during these wind events extremely dangerous to the general public.

The original construction of the ramps that were constructed by the National Park Service in the 1960's did not take into consideration these conditions during East winds. The most viable way to protect the public and create a safe environment for launching and loading boats at this ramp is to provide a wave attenuator. This attenuation also provides protection for transient mooring slips and public sewage pumping and water facilities.

Lucerne Valley Marina supports all efforts to create a safe environment for public boat access and public facilities located at Lucerne Valley Recreational complex.

Sincerely,

Jerry N. Taylor

Flaming Gorge Corporation, President



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The Adventure Next Door

October 31, 2011

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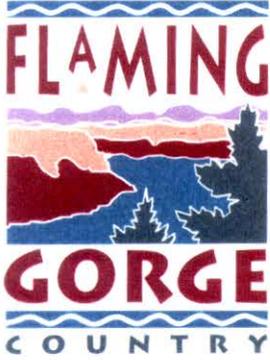
To whom it may concern:

The Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce is writing a letter in support of the installation of new wave attenuators for the Lucerne Valley site. We understand that the previous attenuators worked well but after years of use they have failed.

Waves and wakes formed by passing boat traffic and wind, can rock harbored crafts, making it difficult for their owners to enjoy them while in port, not to mention the damage it can do to their crafts. We are in full support of the new attenuators, which will reduce concerns for damage or harm that will be caused by wind and other events.

Sincerely,

Cindy Keller
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Wildlife resources Federal Aid Coordinator

As Economic Development Director I would like to let you know that we support the Ashley National Forests efforts in their efforts to fund the replacement of the Attenuator at the Lucerne Marina. The Lucerne Marina is one of two marinas on the Utah side of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The Marina is extremely important to the economy of our area. The marina provides a variety of services for the area's visitors and residents and the improvements are an important contributor to the County's tax base.

The original wave attenuator has failed and needs to be replaced. The attenuator functioned quite well for many years, but it has failed and is now in need of replacement. We had a patrol boat that sank recently and I don't think it was caused by the failure of the attenuator, but I'm also not sure that its failure didn't contribute to the sinking of the vessel. Once the new attenuator is installed, it will provide a safer harbor at the Lucerne site and reduce visitor concerns over damage or harm that could be caused during wind related events. With tourism being such an important part of our economy it is important to do everything we can to ensure that people and their property are safe and comfortable in our area. A new attenuator should help with this.

If you have any other questions feel free to contact me at 435-784-3218 ext. 134 or feel free to contact me by e-mail at braymond@daggettcountry.org.

Sincerely,

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