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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Reclamation will soon be seeking public input regarding future recreation-related facilities and services at Kim's Marina Concession Area located on Canyon Ferry Reservoir 15 miles east of Helena, Montana.

In January of 2007, the Montana Area Office awarded a new 20-year concession contract for operation of the Kim's Marina concession area. One of the conditions of that contract is a requirement that Reclamation conduct a public process to help determine appropriate recreation facilities or services to be provided at the concession area.

Aukerman, Haas & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in water-based recreation planning, has been selected to assist Reclamation with this public involvement process. Public meetings will be held in Helena on November 27 and 29, 2007, at the Helena Regional Airport, 2850 Skyway Drive, second floor meeting area. Both meeting sessions will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The contractor and Reclamation staff will be available during the meetings to facilitate discussion, answer questions and hear your ideas and recommendations. Comments will be accepted at the meetings, or they can be submitted either by mail to Aukerman, Haas & Associates, Attn: Bob Aukerman, 729 Duke Sq., Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, or by e-mail to baukerman@comcast.net. Comments should be submitted no later than February 1, 2008.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will honor your request to the extent permissible by law; however we may be required to make personal identifying information available to the public in an administrative record or in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

For additional information and updates regarding this public involvement process, please visit our website at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao>. We look forward to working collectively with you to help shape the future of public recreation at Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Sincerely,

Dan Jewell
Area Manager