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Subject: Alternatives Analysis Report – Proposed Southern Delivery System
– Fryingpan – Arkansas Project, Colorado

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Bureau of Reclamation thanks you for your interest in the proposed Southern Delivery System (SDS) project and invites you to read the attached Alternatives Analysis Report.

As you may be aware, Reclamation presented seven preliminary SDS alternatives in a series of six agency and public workshops in October 2005, attended by over 230 people. At the meetings and in the subsequent comment period, which ran until November 18, 2005, Reclamation received nearly 1200 comments and 42 new component options. In the months since those meetings, Reclamation has worked to analyze the new options and incorporate the comments into this final report. It documents the seven alternatives which will be carried forward for further study and discusses the reasons why other proposed alternatives will not be studied in more detail.

Resource studies will be conducted over the next year, with release of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) scheduled for spring 2007. Additional public meetings will be scheduled following release of the DEIS. You may check the SDS website (www.SDSEIS.com) for updated schedules and other information.

If you have new technical information regarding any of the alternatives, we invite you to share it with Mr. Pat Mangan at 303-445-2236 or PMANGAN@do.usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Fred R. Ore
Area Manager