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RE: Testimony - Eureka Dam RRGL Grant application

Eureka Dam has been a subject of concern for the Dam Safety Program for the last several years. Continued outlet deterioration is approaching the point that without replacement in the near future, the risk of failure will reach an unacceptable level. In order to protect the public health and safety of residents below the dam, the Dam Safety Program may be forced to implement a reservoir level restriction.

Although a reservoir level restriction will decrease the risk of dam failure to an acceptable level, it will have a devastating impact on the surrounding community that depends on the reservoir for irrigation, fish, wildlife and recreation.

The Montana Dam Safety Program supports funding the Eureka Dam Rehabilitation Project and commends the Conservation District and Teton Canal Company for their efforts to bring the dam into compliance with state dam safety standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Laurence Siroky in black ink.

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