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Comments on Lost River 2nd Draft EIS issued by NRCS April 1, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

How appropriate that the 2nd EIS was issued on April Fool's Day. How long is it going to take to beat this monster until it is finally dead. This 2nd EIS is a replica of the 1st EIS with just a few word changes. There has never been and still is no concrete data to back up their statements. There were no studies on river flow data for example. The citizens have repeatedly since 1974 signed petitions, written letters, etc. that they have not wanted any of these dams. We received more rain in 1985 than Moorefield, yet people got up and went to work not knowing there was any problem. Hardy County is one of the two driest counties in West Virginia. A very few people want public water. We all have wells, which suit us just fine. If there would be any development, you would not have enough water to supply. You cannot manufacture water. The WVU population study for the next 10 years conducted between 1990-2000 was 1.5% over those 10 years. The U.S. Government in the same time frame projected less than 1% for the entire state of West Virginia. The Hardy County Commissioners predicted a 25% growth. What are they thinking? Have you seen all of the houses for sale? People are moving out, not in. This area will never be the metropolis they envision. No data has been shown that we need Lower Cove Dam #16 for flood control or water supply. In fact, it was stated in the Moorefield Examiner by Ed Kesecker and Don Biller that the Kimsey's Run and Parker Hollow Dams would be a sufficient water supply for the foreseeable future.

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PS: If signatures are required, some people will not sign because they have been threatened in the past not to say anything against this Lower Cove Dam Site #16 or their loans could suddenly become due or their grant money could stop altogether.