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Subject: FW: OK to post - public comment Black mountain

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To: EAOINFO EAO:EX

Subject: Reservoir project

To whom it may concern

My husband and I attended Open House on February 10th regarding Proposed Black Mountain Reservoir Project. I'm concerned about the wetlands, four of which are adjacent to the proposed Reservoir. They are at present dried up due to the water table changing but a few years ago they were very active wetlands. They contained many frogs and other aquatic life, plus were regularly used by many of the local birds for nesting and feeding. (we have lists of 45 species or so seen in that area those years in Spring and Summer!) I suspect they were also used by the wildlife somewhat also. They should at some time if the water table changes again become vibrant wetlands, but it may be that the changes there may stop this? Those ponds have been recorded in at least two wetland surveys. The first was by Colleen Bower of Summit Consulting in Vernon(I lent her my pictures of said ponds and bird lists.) Those four ponds and the one just through the gate from Old Joe Rich Rd were all considered valuable. (at the time 117e,117d,117c,117b and 117a)

If we are not too late, we'd certainly like to register our vote that if its being considered, that the area should be saved and not developed.

If it is possible to divert some water for the wetlands to return, it would make a great area for a nature park and at the very least should be preserved as an ESA.

Thank you, Lieuwe and Doreen Wierenga.