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Federal Energy Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington DC 20426

Reference: **Docket P606-027 KILARC/SOUTH COW CREEK**

Dear Ms. Bose,

This letter is in reference to the Kilarc Reservoir, located in the vicinity of Whitmore, (Shasta County) California. The area surrounding Kilarc Reservoir is a combination of private, commercial and public timberland as well as residential development.

The responsibility for wildland fire protection in this area is that of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). In addition to numerous small fires, large fire history in the vicinity includes the following fires:

Fire Name	Date	Acreage Burned
Morelli	August 1968	1,317
Whitmore	August 1978	7,285
Blue Mountain	July 1983	3,145
Blue Mountain West	August 1985	3,999
Fern	September 1988	7,557
Fern	September 1994	250
Squirrel	September 2002	575
Whitmore	October 2003	1004

Due to the climate, terrain, forest fuel type and the inclusion of homes in the wildland urban interface, fires in this area typically pose an immediate threat to life and property, in addition to valuable timber assets. Many of the fires listed above resulted in large evacuations of residential areas. A key component to our firefighting success is the availability of water for both ground and aerial firefighting resources. The Kilarc Reservoir has proven to be an important resource for firefighting, especially for helicopter firefighting tactics due to its size and location.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (530) 225-2418.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS WENHAM
Unit Chief

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