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**From:** Scott Cameron  
**Sent:** 2017-06-16T17:07:30-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: BOR / marinas  
**Received:** 2017-06-16T17:07:39-04:00

David,  
I will be in Whitefish the night of June 27 and all day and night on June 28.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** RE: REQUEST - Bureau of Reclamation follow-up

Thanks for the follow-up, David. Yes, the local community has met to discuss but are stuck on funding. As you can imagine this is a little more complicated than how I tried to summarize back at Interior.

Please take a look at the e-mail inserted below. The community's inability to make even small changes to the area is of great concern. I don't think we can generally revise NEPA for this site, but it's worth noting that this is a significant barrier.

The Canyon Ferry Trust board would be very interested in attracting a private firm to place a hotel/motel with a restaurant/bar on the shore of Canyon Ferry, but would also need to improve the Broadwater Bay marina and Silos campground at the same time.

They are very adamant that the Bureau of Reclamation has been less than helpful over the past 15 years since BOR made their management agreement with Broadwater County. The County has all of the risk but no responsibility. But we already have a County management agreement in place.

But there is significant frustration. As an example, the county Trust funds were going to replace 2 old gazebos that are rentable this spring. We are going to change from an octagonal structure to a rectangular structure. Similar square footage, but BOR has just let us know that the "foot print" has changed (octagon to rectangular), hence we will have to go through the NEPA process. Right now BOR has fast tracked all of the invasive species temporary structures through the NEPA process so we should expect this to take longer than usual. Hence missing this summer season.

What the \$#@&? Just because we want to saw cut the concrete to make the pad match the structure, we need to have it NEPA reviewed? There is one quick example of frustration. The county put in a new culvert to allow better access into one of the day use areas. Unfortunately we didn't ask permission to do that, so we had to rip the culvert out and put the original dry wash crossing back in. A second frustration.

So the Trust board would be very adamant that BOR give Broadwater County the risk and responsibility and some "cash" so that we can pave the marina/boat ramp parking area as well as improving the campground area.

The Goose Bay campground was a \$5-\$6 million dollar rebuild. The Trust board would want the same type of investment at Silos. I think that is un-realistic, but if there was a way to gain a couple million, I think we could get somewhere very quickly.

So the trust has some pent up resentment for BOR. A trust board member was a county commissioner when they made the management agreement with Broadwater County something like 15 years ago. It was implied at that time that there would be cash pumped into the Silos area over the years. It is his feeling that BOR has reneged on this good faith commitment.

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I will start to talk to Regency Hotel Management to see if they would have any interest.

Any thoughts about any federal money that could be added into the mix?

Thanks.

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David,  
Change in plans. I will be in Helena on Tuesday instead of Whitefish on Wednesday.

I will however flag these frustrations for Reclamation headquarters.

We need more boat rental opportunities so there is less interstate trailering of boats with invasive mussels attached.

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