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Dear Gross Reservoir Neighbor:

We wanted to update you on three topics related to the potential expansion of Gross Reservoir.

## Online access to video of 2013 Truck Traffic Hauling and Noise Study

Last August Denver Water conducted a test to better understand the potential impacts of truck hauling on Highway 72 and other area roads. The effects on traffic and safety were evaluated as was the noise impact of truck hauling. We had planned to host a community event to discuss the study findings, but the flooding that occurred soon after our tests prevented this from happening. Instead, we've provided a way for you to review the study through a video available at denverwater.org/moffat. We hope you will visit the site, review the video and provide comments.

## Permitting efforts continue with U.S. Forest Service

Design work continues at the Gross Reservoir site to evaluate the potential to produce sand and gravel on site to create concrete for the project. The next step in this process is to drill several test core holes to investigate the quality of the rock. Soon we will begin working with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to obtain a permit to drill on USFS property. We'll also be drilling on Denver Water property. Once started, the work will take about two months. Land disturbance in this area will be minimal. Those who live in the Lakeshore Drive community will receive more information as we work through the permitting process with USFS, which includes a public comment period.

## Release of Final Environmental Impact Statement expected this spring

Denver Water has been engaged in the federal environmental permitting process for 10 years. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency, and is anticipated to release a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on April 25, and a record of decision in 2015. The FEIS is the document that evaluates the environmental consequences of Denver Water's proposed expansion of Gross Reservoir. More information on the federal permitting process for this project is available at denverwater.org/moffat.

For questions related to this letter or the project itself, please contact Joe Sloan at 303-628-6320 or <u>publicinformation@denverwater.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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