

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Snake River Area Office 230 Collins Road Boise, ID 83702-4520



Subject: Notice of Request for Comments Regarding the Proposed Use Authorization to Allow

Sunroc® Corporation to Extract Material from the Alpine Bear Pit near Alpine,

Wyoming

Dear Interested Party:

The Sunroc® Corporation is requesting a 5-year land use authorization to utilize approximately 240 acres of Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Reclamation for the extraction of approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material per year and the operation of a material crushing site within Palisades Reservoir. The new extraction and crushing area would be a part of the existing Alpine Bear Pit. The purpose of this letter is to inform interested and affected public of the proposal and to solicit comments pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Enclosed is a Scoping Information Document describing the project proposal.

You can help us identify important issues and concerns regarding the proposed action by providing your written or verbal comments in response to this letter. Although comments are always welcome throughout the NEPA process, they can best be used if received by **September 13, 2024.** Written comments may be submitted electronically to <u>sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov</u>, or mailed or hand-delivered to:

Mrs. Amanda Peterson Natural Resource Specialist Bureau of Reclamation Snake River Area Office 230 Collins Road Boise, ID 83702

Analysis of the proposal is ongoing and will be documented in an environmental assessment with an estimated completion expected in the winter of 2024. Comments received in response to this solicitation will be used to identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action

and to identify alternatives to the proposed action that meet the purpose of and need for the project.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have additional questions about this proposal or how it will be evaluated, please contact Mrs. Amanda Peterson, Natural Resource Specialist, at the address above, by email at aepeterson@usbr.gov, or by phone at (208) 383-2233. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Sincerely,

Bryan Horsburgh Area Manager

Enclosure