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Date:

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Dear Mr. Brewton:

We have reviewed the *Final Reservoir Access Control Plan, Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2230) Expansion*, prepared by City & Borough of Sitka Electric Department in May, 2012. Base on this review we submit the following comments:

This plan presents a wide variety of impacts on recreation access to Blue Lake. Included are gating Blue Lake Road, inundation of standing timber, and three sets of booms. The Forest Service anticipates that the effects on recreation and subsistence access (e.g. angling opportunities, goat hunting) will not be increased or remain static, but be reduced. Reservoir access should be included in the Project Mitigation & Monitoring Plan as another impact that will have to be evaluated in the future and may require use of the City's mitigation escrow.

If you have questions please call Clay Davis at (907) 747-4225 or email [clayrdavis@fs.fed.us](mailto:clayrdavis@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

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