

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

September 21, 2007

Regulatory Division (SPK-2007-1760)

## MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Traditional Navigable Waterways, Navigable In-Fact Call for Mona Reservoir

- 1. Mona Reservoir is located next to Mona in Juab County, Utah.
- 2. The reservoir is an impoundment of Currant Creek constructed to retain water for both irrigation and culinary purposes. Spillway elevation is at 4882 feet.
- 3. Mona Reservoir has a surface area of 1,110 acres and a shoreline of 10.9 miles.
- 4. The reservoir is privately owned by the Currant Creek Irrigation Company.
- 5. Land use around the reservoir is mostly agricultural. According to the 1982 Clean Lakes Inventory, the largest use is native grazing (mostly cattle and sheep) which comprises 36% of the watershed. Other uses are multiple use 25%, pasture, hay, and croplands 15%, non-irrigated cropland 15%, wildlife 7%, urban 1%, and recreation 1%. However, the Utah Valley populace is spilling over into the Juab Valley, and residential developments are expanding towards the reservoir. As the northern Juab Valley population expands, recreational use of the reservoir will likely increase substantially.
- 6. Mona Reservoir experiences light recreational use, and activities include fishing, boating, and waterskiing. The reservoir was initially closed for public use, but public access has been granted by the irrigation company. Boater access is located south of the spillway on the west shore of the reservoir. There are no improved boat launches currently on the reservoir. However, there are plans to improve the adjacent Mona Reservoir Park, a park managed by Juab County.
- 7. The Reservoir provides recreational navigation opportunities with potential for interstate commerce. Considering pending improvements to the Mona Reservoir Park and the anticipated increase in public use, a fee-based recreation program will likely need to be implemented to maintain the park and to provide improved access. Fuel purchases for boating also contribute to interstate commerce. Furthermore, the reservoir is used for crop production and stock watering, and some of these agricultural products are likely sold over state lines.

## 8. List of Reference Material: http://www.nephitimesnews.com/0100/010500/impro.htm http://www.utah.com/fish/central\_utah\_fishing\_waters.htm Mona USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Slate Jack Canyon USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/watersheds/lakes

9. James McMillan of the Utah Regulatory Office is the point-of-contact for this determination. He can be reached by phone at 801-295-8380 or e-mail james.m.mcmillan@usace.army.mil.

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