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Annual Silver Creek Dam -Emergency Information Letter

The Silver Creek Dam is located 2 miles south of downtown Silverton. A failure of the dam would flood the area downstream which is known as the inundation zone. There are no known problems with the dam. It is regularly inspected by both City and State of Oregon officials, and there is no evidence to indicate the dam is not structurally sound. A map of the inundation zone and evacuation routes for vehicles and pedestrians is on the reverse side of this letter.

The City and the Army Corps of Engineers have an agreement to develop and install an early warning monitoring system. This will allow the City to monitor the dam conditions remotely and alert the public if needed. As information is updated, it will be posted to the City of Silverton website, www.silverton.or.us, in the Public Works Department/Dam Information section. When the system becomes fully operational, complete information will be located on the City website under the "Emergency Management" link on the left side of the home page.

The City of Silverton, working in conjunction with North Marion County Communications (NORCOM 911), is developing a comprehensive emergency response plan to assure that the Silverton community is ready to respond to any hazardous situation that might develop with the dam. The City will be utilizing the *Citizen Alert* emergency notification system to automatically contact residents in the event of an emergency. As part of this effort, the City of Silverton is asking for your cooperation.

If you have a home phone (land line), your number and address have been entered into the system. If your primary/only phone is a cell phone, you must enter your information electronically by logging on NORCOM's website, www.norcom911.org, or the City of Silverton website, www.silverton.or.us/CitizenAlert, if you want to receive notifications in case of an emergency. Simply click on the *Citizen Alert* logo and follow the prompts. If you have special needs and will require additional help during an evacuation, please use the "Opt In" section of the *Citizen Alert* to enter this information. This section will also enable you to receive other community event notifications.

Enclosed is a brochure which will explain more about the *Citizen Alert* Notification System. If you have any problems entering your information, or questions regarding the *Citizen's Alert* system, please contact Gini Audritsh at 503.982.5229, or by email at communication.norcom@ci.woodburn.or.us.

Thank you for taking the time to review this material. Our goal is to increase public safety through flood preparedness, evacuation routes, and the *Citizen Alert* Notification System.

Sincerely,
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Public Works Director