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Hello,

I am sending this message in reference to Project # 198506200 Juvenile Fish Screen Evaluations in the Columbia Plateau Province. This project was rated fundable by the ISRP but apparently was placed in a non-fundable category later in the process. At least, I don't see it listed in the draft recommendations. This project would be a continuation of the screen evaluations that have been conducted over the last several years in the Yakima Basin, but would be expanded to include other basins in the Columbia Plateau Province.

The screen evaluations in the Yakima Basin have proven to be extremely valuable. These evaluations provide real-time data that is used to make adjustments, repairs, or modifications needed to keep the fish screens operating within criteria. The immediate feedback of evaluation results to O&M staff and followup later on implementation of needed changes helps everyone to do a better job of ensuring that these fish screens function as intended. The Annual Evaluation Reports provide a valuable source of information that can be used to guide design and implementation of changes needed at specific sites or to help in the design of future screen facilities.

These screen evaluations are a vital tool to ensure that the investment of millions of dollars in fish screens will result in continued protection of fish through the life of the structures. This is an important project with a proven track record and I urge you to fund it for the FY 2007 -- FY 2009 funding period.

Thank you for your consideration.

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