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Dear Mr. Walker and the Northwest Power & Conservation Council Members:

Clearwater Economic Development Association, CEDA, wishes to take this opportunity to comment on the 2007 BPA project draft Council recommendation list. It appears that two Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District projects, Lapwai Creek 2002-070-00 and Big Canyon Creek 1999-015-00, have not been included on the *draft* recommendation list.

As the north-central Idaho EDA planning district, CEDA recognizes the importance of steelhead restoration to our region and see the continued health of the fish population as critical to our region's ecosystem and to local recreation.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please include the Lapwai Creek and Big Canyon projects in your final recommendation list to BPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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