



CLEARWATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

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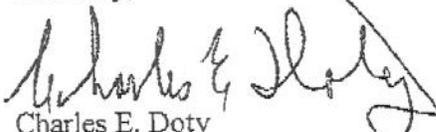
Dear Mr. Walker and NPCC Members,

The Clearwater Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc (RC&D) encourages the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to fund the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District's (NPSWCD) Lapwai Creek 2002-070-00 and Big Canyon Creek 1999-015-00 proposals. We realize your available watershed restoration dollars have been reduced, but the NPSWCD has an established track record of working with landowners and the Nez Perce Tribe in applying valuable on-the-ground habitat conservation and stream restoration practices within the two watershed areas. The RC&D Council strongly supports the continuation of the District's programs and that NPCC should continue to support their efforts beyond February 2007, when the current funding is expected to cease.

The Clearwater RC&D Council, Inc. is a non-profit organization operating in Nez Perce, Latah, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho counties. The RC&D encourages rural communities to generate sustainable natural resource based economies and, to this end, strives to build and maintain partnership collaborations among many entities in north central Idaho. RC&D focuses efforts with communities and sponsoring entities (like the NPSWCD) within four primary program elements: land conservation, water management, community development and land management. The NPSWCD's proposal to you includes these elements and specifically addresses agriculture and forest lands protection as well as fish and wildlife habitat protection and enhancement.

It is the hope of the RC&D that the NPSWCD projects will continue to be funded for the benefit of fish, wildlife and the rural communities and citizens who enjoy the benefits of these natural resources.

Sincerely,


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