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Dear Council Members:

The Idaho Fish and Game Department is taking the opportunity to comment on the 2007 BPA project draft Council recommendation list. We noted that two projects within the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District (Lapwai Creek 2002-070-00 and Big Canyon Creek 1999-015-00) are not included on the Council's draft recommendation list.

We are requesting the Council to include these projects on their final recommendation list to BPA. These projects are not only important to wild steelhead restoration in these watersheds, but also enhance terrestrial wildlife habitats and local species. Project funds are used for on the ground restoration activities and provide innovative, low-cost alternatives to landowners for habitat restoration.

The NSWCD have been long time conservation partners with the IDFG. Cooperative efforts between the two entities in technical assistance, equipment and manpower sharing, and a cost-share project funding has resulted in many quality private landowner habitat enhancement projects being developed. These cooperative efforts and the strong partnership are sure to continue well into the future.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cal Groen".

Cal Groen
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