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To: Mark Walker  
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Dear Council Members:

I would like to comment on the 2007 BPA draft recommendation list. I would like to see continued funding from the BPA to the Nez Perce Soil + Water Conservation Districts + their related watershed restoration projects. As a private contractor I have helped in improving habitat conditions in our area over the past few years. I have witnessed the improvement in the watershed by installing fences in riparian areas; tree + shrub plantings along creeks; etc. As a lifelong resident + Nez Perce tribal member, I have experienced the good days of abundant fishing + recreation in our streams. I also have witnessed the decline of water flows; steelhead runs; trout, suckers to name a few. With overgrazing, logging, farming practices + drought conditions all of these resources are being depleted. With the help + guidance provided by the NPSWCD; and your funding, we can all help in restoring + preserving our valuable watershed resources. Without this funding we will continue to lose valuable watershed resources + all the past improvements we all in this area have benefited from.

Thank-You

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