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Dear Council Members,

We are taking this opportunity to comment on the 2007 BPA project selection draft Council recommendation list. It has come to our attention that two projects in Nez Perce County (Big Canyon 1999-015-00 and Lapwai Creek 2002-070-00) have been passed over in the process.

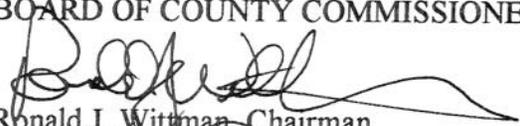
It is our understanding that recommendations were advanced to the Council by the Independent Scientific Review Panel, the Nez Perce Tribe and the Office of Species Conservation for your consideration in drafting your recommendation to the BPA. We further understand that, while these two projects did not make your initial cut, they were the next in line in your prioritization should more funding become available. We were chagrined to learn that additional funding has indeed become available, but our Nez Perce County Soil and Water Conservation District projects have been passed over.

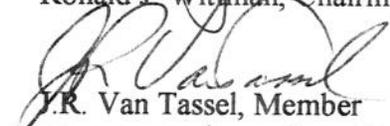
We in Nez Perce County and the Nez Perce County Soil and Water Conservation District have long prided ourselves in our cooperation with the Nez Perce Tribe and our common approaches to progressive conservation projects. While the Tribal and District's projects are not dependent on each other they do compliment each other and both aggressively seek improvements to the same watersheds.

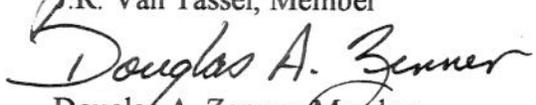
We would fervently hope that you will re-consider these projects for inclusion in your recommendation to BPA for the 2007 funding cycle. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ronald J. Wittman, Chairman


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