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Mark Walker
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Dear Mr. Walker,

I wanted to express my dismay at the Council's decision to not fund Project #198402100 - Mainstem, Middle Fork, John Day River Fish Habitat Enhancement as proposed.

I am told the decision was based on the Independent Scientific Review Panel's suggestion the project should "be showing changes in characteristics such as abundance of fishes, bank stability, and stream width-depth relationships" and "It is time for a comprehensive review of this project's biological results."

Although I totally agree with the Panel's suggestion, I disagree with the Council's choice of who should pay for and perform a comprehensive review.

The proposers of the project presented just such a review of their project commissioned and paid for by BPA in 1991. This review directed the project to concentrate all efforts on stream bank and riparian vegetation protection with fences and instructed them to continue this treatment as the best method to enhance anadromous salmonids in the John Day Basin. Later direction from BPA stated no more than 5% of project funds can be spent on Monitoring and Evaluation.

If the present Scientific Review Panel disagrees with this 1991 direction, feels it is outdated or is concerned too many streams have riparian protection fences then they should commission another review performed by professional scientists. They should not be allowed to halt a successful implementation project staffed by one coordinator and two technicians and burden them with the responsibility.

I would be happy to assist any appointed persons with a thorough documentation of the history and results of this project.

Thank you,

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