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Dear Council Members:

As County Commissioner of Lewis County, a county that is impacted by the Lapwai Creek Watershed and Big Canyon Creekwater shed, I am taking the opportunity to comment on the 2007 BPA project draft Council recommendation list. It has been brought to my attention that the Lapwai Creek Watershed project (2002-070-00) and the Big Canyon Creek watershed project (199-015-00) administered by the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District is not included in the Council's draft recommendation list.

I am requesting that the Council include this project in their final recommendation list to the BPA. These projects are crucial to steelhead restoration in our communities and also enhances the local economy. Project funds used for on the ground restoration activities are paid directly to local contractors, businesses and landowners.

I support this project in our local community and consider it important to habitat restoration and community development. This project offers innovative, low-cost alternatives to landowners for habitat restoration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

LeAnn J. Trautman, Commissioner
Lewis County