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Dear Council Members:

As a resident of the Lapwai Creek watershed, 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 project (2002-070-00) administered by the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District is not included on the Council's draft recommendation list.

I am requesting that the Council include this project on their final recommendation list to BPA. This project is crucial to steelhead restoration in our community 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,

Dick Wittman