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Chairman Walton,

The Burns Paiute Tribe supports the Draft FY 2011 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBWFA) Work Plan and Budget. However, the Tribe requests a modification to the funding allocation table presented on page 11 of 12 of the September 28, 2010 draft, with the understanding that the implementation of the CBFWA work plan will not be impeded with this change. The Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT) have agreed that an increase in funding for the USRT Foundation is appropriate at this time and would like to re-allocate some of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regional coordination funds to support that project. For that reason, the Burns Paiute Tribe supports funding for CBFWA of \$83,264 and funding for the USRT Foundation of \$49,447 from BPA's regional coordination allocation. It is anticipated that all funding for the CBFWA Executive Director (ED) position can be deferred until implementation of the FY 2012 CBFWA work plan, which will accommodate this adjustment. The Tribe also requests that the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Foundation contract funds back to the Tribe in the amount of \$25,000 for time and travel reimbursement for participation in regional activities.

We would like to thank the other CBFWA members for continuing to support and maintain this valuable resource. We look forward to discussions for developing a long-term strategy for regional coordination that supports all the fish and wildlife managers of the Columbia River Basin.

Sincerely,

Diane Teeman,

Tribal Chair