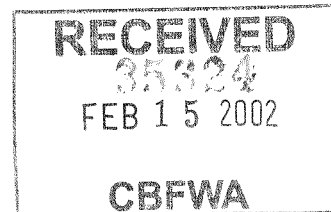


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TO EDUCATE, FOSTER COOPERATION, & PROVIDE COMMENT FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN WATERSHED
HEALTH; TO FACILITATE & COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES THAT
WILL MAINTAIN, RESTORE & ENHANCE THE WATERSHED HEALTH OF THE UMATILLA BASIN



DATE: 2/10/02

TO:
Tom Iverson, CBFWA
2501 SW 1st Avenue, Suite #200
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Iverson,

The Umatilla Basin Watershed Council would like to emphatically voice our support for the Echo Meadows project and encourage CBFWA and BPA to fund this effort.

High water temperatures and low flows are the most pervasive problems associated with water quality in the Umatilla Basin. We believe the Echo Meadows Project model demonstrates that a considerable increase of cold-water return can be attained. Considerably important too, this return would occur during the most critical time for migrating fish.

The Watershed Council has supported this project from its inception and has coordinated various Council and agency meetings to discuss publicly the benefits and expected outputs. We have invited the Governors Healthy Stream Partnership Committee to tour the project area and its components of monitoring stations. The result of which has been dialogue and support of the HSP committee.

As a serious step toward enhancing fish populations and attaining water quality, we strongly encourage you to fund this project.

Ron Deutz
Chairman, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council

Cc: Ron Boyce, ODFW Fish Passage Program