

June 23rd, 2009

Dear Mr. Sandison.

We write to express the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board's support for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Ecology's Water for America - Yakima Basin Study Proposal. The Water for America Basin Study Program would provide substantial funding for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project 2009 Work Group efforts to develop a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Implementation Plan for the Yakima basin. This process represents an important step forward for the Yakima Basin, and we look forward to participating in the 2009 Work Group and the associated implementation planning process.

Sincerely,

Paul Ward, Chairman

and I Ward