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Subject: Water for America - Basin Study Program – Yakima Basin Study Proposal

Dear Mr. Sandison:

I am writing to express the support of the USFWS (Service) for the Yakima Basin study proposed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington Department of Ecology under the Department of Interior's "Water for America" initiative. The Water for America Basin Study Program would provide substantial funding for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project 2009 Work Group to develop a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Implementation Plan for the Yakima Basin.

The Service looks forward to participation on the 2009 Work Group and engaging in the implementation planning process.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Craig  
Project Leader

Cc: Wendy Christensen, USBR, Columbia-Cascades Area Office