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

Dear Mr. Sandison:

I am writing to express American Rivers' 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.

I look forward to participating in the 2009 Work Group and, assuming an agreement is reached, engaging in the implementation planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Garrity". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael D. Garrity  
Washington Conservation Director