

River Access For Tomorrow

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RE: Project 54261 - Circle C Administrative Site Housing Facility Project

To Whom It May Concern:

River Access for Tomorrow (R.A.F.T.) is based in Lewiston, yet members enjoy floating Wild & Scenic Rivers of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Promoting cooperation between river users, protecting river access and maintaining a quality, safe experience are important to our membership, which currently represents 42 families. Every summer we conduct events to clean up sections of both the Snake and Clearwater Rivers.

In line with our philosophy regarding quality river experiences, we fully support Idaho Power and their application for the Circle C Administrative Site Housing Facility Project as the purpose for this project will be for onsite monitoring and management of water quality and fisheries.

Pittsburgh Landing is a remote site; while approachable by vehicle, it simply is not efficient nor environmentally friendly for staff to drive in and out on a daily basis. Having an aesthetically harmonious, quality on-site lab, relevant equipment and housing for qualified staff simply makes the most sense for successful achievement of the preservation of a solid fishery on the Snake River in Hells Canyon, resulting in a tremendous benefit to all members of the public.

With their long-term vested interest in Hells Canyon, Idaho Power has already proven themselves as valuable and fiscally-sound partners in managing public assets. With their year-round presence, they will also be in a position to collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service in monitoring and maintaining the campground, interpretative trails, and trailheads at Pittsburgh Landing, an additional very positive aspect for the public.

Members of R.A.F.T. believe Idaho Power is the best solution to spearhead the monitoring and management of fishery and water quality at the Circle C site. We urge your support of the Circle C Administrative Site Housing Facility Project application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,



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