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Subject: Response to Your Letter of September 11, 2014

Dear Chairwoman Hadley:

Thank you for your letter summarizing the proceedings and offering several recommendations developed during the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) meeting held September 9, 2014. I appreciated the opportunity to join you and provide a Trinity Management Council (TMC) update, then answer several questions posed by TAMWG members.

The TMC discussed each of the recommendations during its September 17-18, 2014, meeting in Weitchpec. Each recommendation is paraphrased below in italics, followed by our response.

1. *...recommends the TMC support the Program's efforts to streamline the watershed grants application program.*

The TMC unanimously passed a motion supporting the Program's efforts as recommended. During this meeting segment, Program staff described the proposed simplified process using Grants.gov as a means of soliciting watershed project proposals similar to the presentation made at the TAMWG meeting. Though the information available at the time of the TMC meeting indicated that the acquisition of the fiscal year 2014-funded watershed projects had been cancelled and the funding was likely lost to the Program, I am pleased to report that the acquisition was later salvaged, allowing the watershed projects to proceed as planned.

2. *...recommends that the TMC accept the No Action Alternative, defer all channel rehabilitation and gravel augmentation in [the] Lewiston area until further review or coordination with hatchery practices, from the Future Restoration Actions in the Lewiston Area near Trinity River Hatchery Memorandum dated August 8, 2014.*

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The TMC responded favorably to the key aspects of this recommendation, unanimously passing a motion recommending that construction work planning in the Lewiston Dam reach be suspended pending action by the Trinity River Hatchery Governance Board regarding their recommendation for hatchery management action or future habitat development. The motion further recommended that gravel placement not be interrupted, but that injection occur at or downstream from the area known as Weir Hole. The motion is to be revisited within four years.

3. *...recommends the TMC undertake for restoration in 2016 Evans Bar, Chapman Ranch, Deep Gulch, and Sheridan Creek, as recommended by the new quantitative prioritization process referred to as 2D hydrodynamic-based logic modeling framework.*

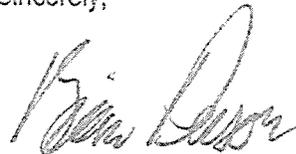
The TMC unanimously passed a motion to accept the Design Team's recommendation to continue work on these sites.

4. *...approved the TRRP Communication Processes, as presented, and recommends that the TMC approves the processes as well.*

Thank you for your clarification during our October 16, 2014, teleconference that the TAMWG's approval was limited to the TAMWG aspects of the Process, and that the TMC should consider separately the description pertaining to the TMC. The Process was discussed at length, but its evaluation was hindered by most TMC members having not seen the Process prior to the meeting. It was agreed that a further discussion will be on the December TMC meeting agenda.

Again, thank you for your letter. We greatly appreciate the guidance and insights provided by the TAMWG.

Sincerely,



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