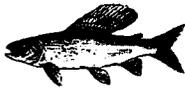


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RE: Big Hole Recreation Management Plan

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Big Hole Watershed Committee I would like to express our appreciation to you for your support of the Big Hole Recreation Management Plan. The process was challenging however, the resulting plan and strengthened relationships have made the effort a worthwhile endeavor.

We recognize and applaud your reconsideration of the FWP alternative proposal and willingness to extend additional consideration to a locally generated consensus plan. The final 7 reach rest / rotation plan has broad local support and we feel it is the best next step to take in solving recreational use conflicts.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter and additional effort in this complex and contentious issue. The BHWC will continue to be available as a public forum to discuss, review, listen and advise on recreation management plans.

Sincerely,



Randy Smith
BHWC Chair

CC: Governor Judy Matrz
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