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Dear Watershed Planning Unit Members,

I am contacting you regarding the Columbia River Basin Water Management Grant Program. The purpose of the Grant Program is to fund a variety of conservation and storage projects. During the previous months, we talked with numerous people interested in applying. Pre-applications were submitted in October and November 2007. A list of the pre-applications that we received is attached with this letter. It also can be found at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/images/pdf/grants/pre_app_projectlist.pdf

We are now evaluating the pre-applications to ensure they meet eligibility criteria. One of the criteria is that they are consistent with adopted watershed plans. To ensure this, we ask that you review the pre-applications for your WRIA. Let us know if they are consistent or point out where there is a discrepancy.

You and your Ecology watershed lead who assists you with your planning efforts will work together. They will be your main point of contact. They provide you with copies of your WRIA's pre-applications and you will give them your review comments. We need to have your comments by February 1, 2008.

There will be two more opportunities in the spring and summer of 2008 for you to help us select which projects to fund. We'll stay in touch with you throughout the process.

Questions may be directed to either your watershed lead or to me. I can be reached at (509) 454-7894 or ccom461@ecy.wa.gov

Thank you for joining with us on this important project.

Sincerely

Carolyn Comeau,
Columbia River Program Liaison

Attachment: List of Pre-Applications Received