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18 September 2019

Governor Brad Little
Office of the Governor
State Capital
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Honorable Governor Little:

The ten chapters of the Pacific Northwest Great Old Broads for Wilderness Regional Advocacy Team would like to thank you for recognizing the importance of salmon and steelhead to Idaho's ecology, culture, and economy. Thank you, too, for convening the Governor's Salmon Workgroup to consider and implement actions that would help recover Idaho's declining salmon runs.

As the court-ordered EIS process has been proceeding, the fast-changing Pacific Northwest ecological and energy scenes have ushered you into a pivotal moment in time. Governor Little, we feel you now have the opportunity to take definitive and courageous action to save salmon, steelhead and, in turn, the Pacific Coast's southern resident orcas whose survival depends upon chinook salmon. As you likely know, further delay threatens to sweep all three iconic species into extinction.

Sixty Broads members visited the Lower Snake River, toured the dams, met with scientists and Nimiipuu Protecting our Environment organization, and gathered information we feel may be useful to you as you move towards making decisions regarding this issue crucial to Idaho's future. **We would like to request a meeting with you to provide our perspectives and share information.**

Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots organization that educates and inspires activists to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. Members of our ten active Pacific Northwest chapters and our partner organizations are speaking out for salmon, steelhead and orca survival. In particular, we support restoration of free-flow and a natural ecosystem on the lower Snake River, which

scientific research clearly shows would be the surest step toward returning these critically threatened and endangered species to sustainable populations. We'd like to present you with data and scientific information that backs up that viewpoint.

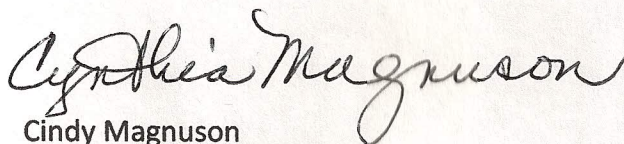
The Great Old Broads for Wilderness are supporting the efforts of Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, who are from the Nez Perce tribe, on this issue. Restoring the Lower Snake River will help ensure we meet Treaty obligations to Native American Tribes in the Columbia-Snake Basin

Please let us know when we can meet with you on this critical issue.

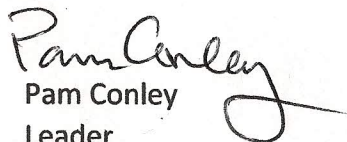
Respectfully, and on behalf of our respective members,



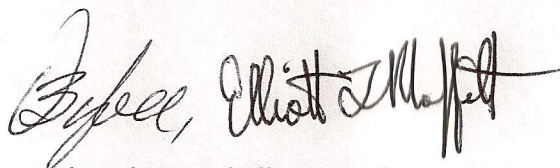
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