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February 6, 2018

Senator Shelly Short
Washington State Senate
PO Box 40407
Olympia, WA 98504-0407

Dear Senator Short:

Southern Pend Oreille County is the home of the headwaters of the Little Spokane River. The main branch starts near Newport and the west branch starts at Diamond Lake. Because of the instream flow of the Little Spokane River (WRIA 55), we are requesting funding for a project that would solve two problems for us. While the main branch does not meet the instream flow rule the west branch is burdened with high waters, especially at Diamond Lake and Sacheen Lake.

We believe there could be a solution to both these problems by conveying water to the Little Spokane River from the north end of Diamond Lake.

We would like to submit this project to the Legislature not only for a study to see if the needs could be met for both lakes and to those who struggle with high water and with low water, but also for implementation of the project to completion. With careful engineering, water storage, and timing, we believe this project would meet the goals of streamflow restoration under SB 6091 while protecting our waterfront property owners.

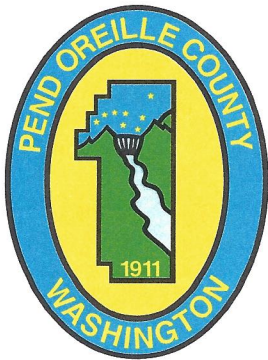
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Sincerely,


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Representative Joel Kretz
335A Legislative Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504

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411 John L. O'Brien Building
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