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Mr. Rod Sando

Director, Columbia Basin

Fish and Wildlife Authority

2501 SW 1st Ave, Suite 200

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Dear Mr. Sando:

The Institute for Washington's Future is pleased to be a partner in the Citizen Move to Action program. The Institute will act as contractors to the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority for both itself and Watershed Legacy Learning Community. It is the fiscal sponsor for the Learning Community.

In its role, the Institute will be responsible for:

- continuing the established Citizen Move to Action Process in the Walla Walla watershed;
- completing the organization of the processes in the Tualitin and Colville watershed and in the Columbia Gorge area;
- initiating contact with community groups in five to ten watersheds in the Columbia Basin and recommending to the Authority two watershed in 2003 and thru 2005 for inclusion in the program;
- the work of Peter Donaldson and Donald Hopps is facilitating the Confluence involvement process and the development of the local project programs in each of the targeted watersheds.

Currently, the Institute is managing the Yellowhawk Corridor Habitat Restoration project in Walla Walla. This program of eleven linked projects is the prototype for the local programs of habitat restoration projects that will be develop by the Citizen Move To Action Program.

In 2002, the Yellowhawk Corridor project has performed habitat restoration work valued at approximately \$500,000. We anticipate funding at that level or more for 2003. These are funds that will be leveraged by the Citizen Move to Action project in Walla Walla. We anticipate funding at that level in the other three watersheds.

Since these funds include \$200,000 in documented local match for 2002 and the Walla Walla Watershed Alliance has indicated that, at a minimum, it will maintain a cash contribution of \$5,000 a month indefinitely, we believe local match will continue at this level or above through 2003.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick Higgins
Director