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Dear Mr. Bohnee:

**HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL (COUNCIL) ACTIVITIES**

Thank you for your update on Council activities. I am delighted to hear about the progress being made under your leadership as Council chair and I am greatly encouraged by the cooperative spirit shown by Council members. As you requested, I concur with the Council's recommendation to postpone the planned January 2008 Senior Trustee meeting to March 2008.

I would like to note I do not agree with committing the \$1.3M for work other than the injury assessment plan contract and directly related activities. I believe our priority is to assure this contract is fully funded and that together we proceed with the injury assessment.

I do support using a portion of the \$1.3M for technical work associated with the injury assessment plan. When contract funding requirements are known, I am committed to providing funds for Trustee organizations' direct technical assistance to the injury assessment efforts.

Separate from the \$1.3M, I will work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund a technical expert from their organization to assist us in the injury assessment plan effort. In addition, I have asked my staff to look for other funding sources for activities such as extending the Council's administrative support.

I am concerned about committing Council resources to work on a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). As you know, Keith Klein's vision was to demonstrate cooperation through developing the injury assessment plan before considering changes to the MOA. Ongoing legal actions also limit our ability to consider MOA changes. However, while I encourage the Council to honor Keith's vision and to stay focused on moving the injury assessment plan forward, if you have MOA changes you feel are essential I will ask my staff to review them.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Al Hawkins, of my staff, on (509) 376-9936.

Sincerely,



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