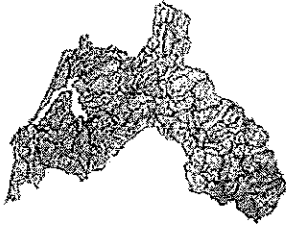


Exhibit C

**Public Correspondence received as of
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RE: ODFW R & E Board Grant 13-063 Noble Creek Watershed Restoration

Mr. Herkamp,

The Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA) proposed a watershed restoration project, R & E Board Grant # 13-063, to help improve fish passage and habitat complexity in Noble Creek and also help to prevent flooding in the Noble Creek STEP Hatchery. The CoosWA requested \$49,592 of R & E Board funding to complete this project. At the March 6, 2014 R & E Board meeting, the Board recommended \$40,446 for funding. Our understanding is that all of the funding to support CoosWA personnel for the Fiscal Administration (\$4,000) and Project Management (\$5,146) of the project was completely removed from the grant, for a total of \$9,146 removed.

The CoosWA appreciates the recommended funding, and all of the effort put forth by R & E Board members. However, we must decline the recommended funding unless the budget can be amended to reflect the full request of \$49,592. As I presented during the call-in session of the March 6, 2014 meeting, projects of this nature involve significant permitting and construction coordination. CoosWA Project Management and Fiscal Administration must be funded through the specific watershed restoration grants which have been awarded. The scope of this grant is outside of all other grants that we have. So we simply do not have other means to pay for these services. I personally talked with Coos River STEP volunteers to see if they could help implement the project. While these volunteers would like to help, they made it very clear that they cannot help with permitting and construction because they do not have recent experience with similar projects. Also, local ODFW employees are not available to help because their limited time is already allocated.

We hope \$9,146 can be restored to the grant so that this project can be completed, as proposed, helping to improve watershed health and strengthen relationships between the Landowners, CoosWA and the ODFW R & E Board.

Sincerely,

Nick Scheidt,
Project Manager