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April 29, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Yakama Nation Water Canal Maintenance in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Yakama Nation, located at Yakama Nation Agricultural Development Program, P.O. Box 151, Toppenish, WA 98948

The funding would be used for unimpeded fish passage to 223 miles of currently accessible anadromous fish habitat upstream of the dam. This number will rise by an additional 57 miles following completion of planned fish passage facilities at three BOR dams (Tieton, Clear Creek and Bumping). As noted above, the project will also allow removal of a seasonal partial passage barrier at the mouth of Cowiche Creek which provides unimpeded access to another 29 miles of anadromous habitat. The total potentially accessible mileage is 309 miles. Boating access and improved fishing. Flood risk reduction. Partners involved in the project include Yakima County Flood Control Zone District, WDFW, NOAA Fisheries, the Yakama Nation, North Yakima Conservation District, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board. The project is included as a key recovery action in the Yakima Basin Steelhead Recovery Plan.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress