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Dear Members of the Board,

I would like to express my support for the Broady Steelhead Barrier Removal restoration grant submitted by Wallowa Resources. We have worked closely with Wallowa Resources in developing the project, which involves removing Upper Main Broady Arch, Lower Main Broady Arch, East Fork Broady Arch, and the trash rack on West Fork Broady Creek. The trash rack and arch removals are high priority projects identified by my fisheries, watershed and engineering staff for ESA-listed steelhead salmon that occupy the cold waters of Broady Creek. Removing both fish passage barriers on mainstem Broady Creek and the undersized arch on East Fork Broady Creek will result in significant habitat improvement by reducing downstream sedimentation risks and improving aquatic organism passage throughout the Broady Creek subwatershed.

The Forest has invested considerable resources in developing the Lower Joseph Creek Restoration Project and identified a suite of restoration actions that include vegetation management, transportation management, fish habitat and aquatic organism passage projects. This project is the second of four project phases that will address all of the hydrologic and fisheries projects in the watershed. The first phase was completed in 2018 when three roads totaling 4.2 miles were decommissioned.

The Forest Service and our partners would appreciate your consideration for providing funding for this cooperative project that will provide habitat and water quality improvements in this watershed.

If you have questions concerning the project or are in need of additional information, please contact my Hydrologist, Dana Nave, at 541 426 5690 or dana.nave@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

KRIS STEIN
District Ranger

