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Subject: Comment for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs John Day River Watershed
Restoration Strategy (Project #2007-397-00).

Dear Mr. Lorenzen:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), La Grande Field Office, would like to provide comment and support for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs' (CTWS) John Day River Watershed Restoration Strategy that addresses a critical need for project prioritization and funding. Prior to this effort, early funding and project selection decisions were made without a strategic watershed view. This led to missed opportunities for achieving ESA-listed species conservation. The current effort provides more transparency, better engages a wider set of partners, and has shown success in both the types and quality of restoration actions being proposed.

The Service applauds the collaborative efforts by CTWS and supports the continued use of the strategy and will be working with CTWS and the other partners in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important topic. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Anderson (541) 962-8583, or me at (541) 962-8509.

Sincerely

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