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August 24, 2007

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman
Committee on Environment and
Public Works
410 Dirksen
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and
Public Works
456 Dirksen
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer and Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for your leadership in crafting the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

In compliance with your letter of August 9, 2007, I have attached the required certification for each congressionally directed spending item I requested. A copy of the forms has been submitted to both the majority and minority offices.

Again, thank you for leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Smith
United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEM CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO RULE XLIV
OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Gordon H. Smith

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no specifically intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 2047 Federal Hopper Dredges, *Essayons* and *Yaquina*, West Coast waterways

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section would lift the restrictions on the number of days that the *Essayons* and *Yaquina* may be active. The current restrictions have led to inefficiencies in the dredging of West Coast waterways.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I has a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



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Sec. 3182(h) Lookout Point Project, Lowell, OR

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section would convey surplus federal land and property, known as Track A-82, to the Lowell School District, so as to accommodate the development proposals of the city and county. If the Secretary determines that the property in Section 3182(h) ceases to be held in public ownership, the property shall revert to the United States, at the option of the United States.

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Sec. 3183(c) Lowell, Oregon

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section would extinguish the deed reservations to accommodate the development proposals of the City of Lowell/St. Vincent de Paul, affordable housing project.

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Sec. 5120 Fern Ridge Dam, Oregon

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The section would allow the Secretary to treat all work carried out for emergency corrective actions to repair the embankment dam at the Fern Ridge Lake project, Oregon, as a dam safety project so that irrigators who have water contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) will have the same payment obligations as though they received water from a BOR facility.

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Sec. 5152 Erosion Control, Westport Beach, Clatsop County, OR

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section modifies section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, to direct the Secretary to provide a one-time placement of dredged material along part of the Columbia River to protect economic and environmental resources from further erosion.

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Sec. 4073 Upper Willamette River Watershed Ecosystem Restoration, Albany, OR

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section would direct the Secretary to conduct studies and ecosystem restoration projects for the upper Willamette River watershed from Albany, Oregon, to the headwaters of the Willamette River and tributaries.

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Sec. 4074 Walla Walla River Basin, OR

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

In conducting the study to determine the feasibility of carrying out a project for ecosystem restoration, the secretary may credit non-federal portions of the work to the non-federal entity, and may allow the non-federal entity to provide their share of the cost in the form of in-kind services and materials.

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Sec. 1006(a)(34) Johnson Creek, Gresham, Oregon

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This section would make Johnson Creek eligible under the Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 for aquatic ecosystem restoration activities.

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