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Dear Mr. Whitworth and Ms. Solliday:

Thank you for your letter requesting an Oregon Solutions designation for the StreamBank project. I believe that collaborative development of the StreamBank project can result in a tool that will advance restoration efforts in Oregon, and I support its designation as an Oregon Solutions project. I am appointing Ken Bailey, CFO of Orchard View Farms and Member of the State Board of Agriculture, as the convener.

The StreamBank Project has the potential to meet many of the State's environmental, economic, and social objectives. A streamlined, web-based process that results in quality restoration projects receiving expedited approvals and delivers ecologically needed restoration projects in a way that is quicker, benefits the rural workforce, and empowers local efforts to restore and maintain a healthy, functioning landscape will be a dynamic new tool for achieving a sustainable Oregon. I expect that an Oregon Solutions process can align partners for at least 20 projects in 2008 to further test and develop the StreamBank tool. Using StreamBank at this scale in the coming months will allow for a better understanding of the vision and potential for this tool in the years ahead.

The opportunity presented by non-profit and private investments to develop the StreamBank tool, and use of the tool to better leverage existing and new resources for on-the-ground restoration projects, can benefit our state while also elevating this web-based tool to attract national attention.

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The Oregon Solutions staff will help you bring effective partners to the table to integrate resources for an implementation strategy, and to sign a "Declaration of Cooperation" for the project. I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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