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Dear Mr. Jones, Mr. Thom, Mr. Pendleton, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Hunter & Ms. Bradford,

I have received your letter requesting the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy (WISE) project be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your letter and the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives.

Therefore, by this letter, I am designating this as an Oregon Solutions project and appointing **Representative Peter Buckley and Senator Jason Atkinson** as co-conveners to lead a team of community partners to secure funding for the EIS and to create a plan and structure to ensure future success.

Natural resource management is a high priority to my administration and I commend you on taking a lead role in this collaborative approach to addressing your local needs. Water is critically important to agriculture, the environment and the community and I compliment you on your desire to focus your energy on restoring streams and tributaries to a more natural flow while

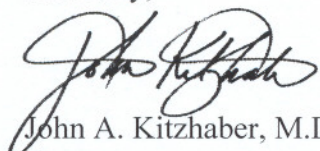
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also improving the reliability of the water system. By using the Oregon Solutions approach to bring together partners in a neutral forum, it increases the ability to integrate interests and leverage investments.

This project has the potential to strengthen the connection between the non-profit, business and government agencies on the ground in your community, and may create a model which can be replicated in other parts of the state. Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

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