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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: Mitchell Act Funding

Dear President Bush:

On Monday, March 25, 2002, The Forks City Council voted unanimously to support continued Federal funding of the Mitchell Act. This Act was adopted in 1938 to offset the loss of salmon spawning grounds to the Columbia River dams. The need for this Federal assistance to northwest salmon production is as vital today as it was in 1938.

The hydropower/irrigation dams on the Columbia River are a positive contribution to our entire Nation's economy and well-being. The Mitchell Act funding for salmon mitigation is only a tiny amount compared to the total economy supported by these dams. Yet the Mitchell Act funds are paramount to the continued rebuilding of northwest salmon stocks and the economy of coastal communities.

As you know, the City of Forks and the Westside of the Olympic Peninsula have been hard hit by the economic impacts from the Endangered Species Act (i.e., Spotted Owl regulations). To lose the Salmon resource opportunities that are supported by the Mitchell Act would be an additional economic burden on all coastal communities and tribal cultures.

We gratefully ask for your support of continued funding for the Mitchell Act. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our request for continued support of this vital program.

Sincerely,

Nedra Reed
Mayor
City of Forks

cc: US Congressman Norm Dicks
US Senator Patty Murray
US Senator Maria Cantwell
US Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans