

United States Senate

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Coalition to Support the Willamette Basin Reservoir Study
Attn: Willie Tiffany
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 2013, requesting an update on the federal efforts to fund the Willamette Basin Study. As you note in the letter, President Obama has requested \$200,000 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to advance the next stage of the study.

Since Congress must appropriate such expenditures, we are pleased to inform you that on April 26, 2013, we each wrote to Chairman Feinstein and Ranking Member Alexander of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development expressing our support for funding the President's budget request.

We assure you that as the appropriations legislation for the USACE moves forward, we will be working to ensure that the Willamette Basin Study request gets full and fair consideration by the committee, and that the committee knows the Study enjoys our wholehearted support.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Ron Wyden
United States Senator

cc: Governor John A. Kitzhaber