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Mike Rickel
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Dear Mike:

I recently received a letter from six Entiat River Watershed Planning Unit members who shared concerns about the 2010 Supplemental Budget proposal regarding the Entiat Watershed (Water Resources Inventory Area 46) and requested I direct my response to you.

While I certainly appreciate the importance of watershed planning programs throughout the state, we face an incredibly challenging legislative session in 2010 with a major funding shortfall that will impact virtually every state program. Unfortunately, I had to eliminate funding for watershed planning and assistance after Fiscal Year 2011. However, my budget proposal does include \$300,000 to fund competitive incentive grants statewide to integrate local watershed planning with watershed-based salmon recovery activities.

The 2010 Supplemental Budget has yet to be finalized, while the Legislature considers a number of other budget proposals in addition to mine. Therefore, I encourage you to work closely with your legislators as we collaborate to produce a final supplemental budget proposal.

Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Gregoire

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