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Dear Shane,

The Lake Roosevelt Forum would like to invite the Technical Management Team to participate in our Spring 2003 conference.

The conference will be held in Spokane from Monday, April 21st through Wednesday, April 23rd. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) fish and wildlife program has provided the Forum a grant to convene this conference. The Forum is also working with other government and industry sponsors to help host this event.

Currently, we are planning to hold the conference at the historic Davenport Hotel, which is located in downtown Spokane and has just undergone a multimillion dollar renovation. We expect daily attendance at the conference to range from 100 to 150 participants.

The conference will focus on water quality, fisheries and economic issues affecting the Upper Columbia. We expect attendees to be drawn from the Upper Columbia Intermountain area, Canada and several agencies with regional offices throughout the Northwest. As is the case with other Forum sponsored events, we are deeply committed to facilitating dialog between and amongst several stakeholders. This includes federal, state, tribal and county agencies, watershed groups, associations like the farm bureau and chambers of commerce, and interested individuals.

With the TMT's help, this conference is seeking to reach out to both technical, local governmental and community groups in two ways:

- 1) The first two days of the conference will feature a diversity of concurrent and plenary sessions that allow groups such as yours to learn from and brief others on interrelated topics such as operations, total dissolved gas, water temperature, and the health of fisheries. The Forum is hopeful that you will help develop and participate in sessions specific to your interests. In working with the Transboundary Gas Group, for instance, they have provided us a list of session topics that are of interest to them and their work in the Upper Columbia. We will be incorporating their suggestions into the conference.
- 2) The third day of the conference will be devoted to helping groups such as yours hold their regional meetings. In addition to the Technical Management Team, the Forum has been working with the Transboundary Gas Group, and made preliminary contact with the Columbia/Snake River TMDL group and the transboundary sturgeon recovery team. Each group has significant interests in Upper Columbia matters. By holding your regional meeting on the third day of the conference, we are hopeful that local interests (be they agencies, tribal, community, etc.) can sit in on all or part of your meeting. In this regard, Upper Columbia stakeholders have the opportunity to see committee work and collaboration in action. Examples of groups that are likely to have an interest in attending all or part of a Technical Management Team meeting include the Intermountain Province Subbasin Planning group, the Lake Roosevelt Fisheries Evaluation group, the Lake Roosevelt Water Quality Council, and local conservation districts. The Forum hopes that the TMT embraces the concept that holding a meeting which is open to these groups fits with your own commitment to stakeholder outreach.

The Forum is also actively working to assure strong local participation through the use of scholarships and other incentives. In this regard, the Forum has already successfully raised funds to support scholarships for non-agency participants.

The Forum will provide the following to the Technical Management Team to directly support hosting your regional meeting on the third day (Wednesday) of the conference:

- 1) A meeting room and related facilities (e.g.—chart paper, projector, etc.) will be provided. We will work with you to assure table configuration and other meeting room needs are met.
- 2) Coffee, rolls, etc. will be available as a side board in the meeting room.
- 3) Lunch will be provided. Here, all meeting participants will have lunch together in the banquet room.

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The only requirement of TMT participation is that each person register to attend the conference for either two days or three days. The Forum Steering Committee has set the cost of a two day registration at \$120, and a three day registration at \$150. Our ability to keep costs this low directly relates to the assistance that BPA and others are providing.

The Forum is very excited about the prospects of Technical Management Team participation. We value the excellent work that this group has done, and think it's essential that your knowledge be shared with individuals and groups throughout our region.

Please call me with any questions. I look forward to working with you and others from the Technical Management Team on this conference.

Sincerely,

Andy Dunau
Executive Director, Lake Roosevelt Forum