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Congressman Mike Simpson
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Re: Mackay Dam Community Project Funding (CPF) Letter of Support

Dear Congressman Simpson:

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management supports the CPF application for Mackay Dam and considers the project eligible. To mitigate the risk of damages from earthquake and flooding to the cities of Mackay and Arco, as well as Custer and Butte Counties and the Idaho National Laboratory, the Big Lost River Irrigation District needs to remove and replace the primary spillway, reline the outlet tunnel, and move controls downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping. Custer County applied through the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program on behalf of the district to mitigate Mackay Dam. Should the project be approved through CPF, the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) is willing to serve as the recipient for the grant. The Mackay Dam project is ranked number one by IOEM for Homeland Security bill-wide priorities.

We appreciate your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Brad Richy, Director
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