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May 10, 2022

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2084 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Rock Creek Project / Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Simpson:

I am submitting this letter of support for the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project. The city's proposed Rock Creek project is a model for watershed conservation efforts that will help improve water quality in the stream and the mid-Snake River.

I applaud grass roots projects undertaken by locals to enhance water quality, local fisheries, and recreational opportunities. The project has the support of local government and area non-profits and companies such as the Southern Idaho Water Quality Coalition and the Twin Falls Canal Company.

Voluntary water quality projects such as the Rock Creek project will assist the State of Idaho in ensuring clean water for its citizens for years to come.

I fully support the city's proposed project and urge your support as well.

Sincerely,

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho



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**Re: Rock Creek Project / Letter of Support**

Dear Rep. Simpson:

I am submitting this letter of support for the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project on behalf of the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA). As you know, IWUA represents thousands of water users across the State of Idaho and has a keen interest in supporting water quality projects. Importantly, IWUA has several resolutions that address water quality and fully supports projects that support continued water use and agriculture in southern Idaho.

The City's proposed Rock Creek project will enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and regional and local recreational opportunities. In addition, the project will likely serve as a cooperative model with the Twin Falls Canal Company to help address local sediment retention from various waterways and return flows. IWUA encourages such cooperation among water users and funding this project will help foster those relationships.

Rock Creek is an important tributary water source to the Middle Snake River. Although these waterways have been previously listed as water quality limited, Idaho's water users as well as the City are taking pro-active steps to address impacts and IWUA fully supports local voluntary grass roots efforts to make such improvements.

IWUA urges your support and recommendations for this important water quality project in southern Idaho.

Sincerely,

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Dear Rep. Simpson:

The Southern Idaho Water Quality Coalition (SIWQC) is submitting this letter of support for the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project.

SIWQC was formed as a non-profit corporation for the following purpose as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation:

To engage a broad coalition of stakeholders to develop a cost-effective framework to identify, manage, and implement water quality improvement projects to benefit the Snake River, its tributaries and related waterbodies; to promote, aid and assist with the conservation, preservation and utilization of the water resources of the Snake River, its tributaries and related waterbodies and to cooperate with similar organizations to promote the same; to work collaboratively and voluntarily to invest and obtain resources to implement water quality improvement projects and raise awareness for water availability and quality, and overall environmental health of the watershed in the area

The City's proposed Rock Creek project fulfills this purpose by addressing critical water quality improvements in a major tributary to the Middle Snake River. The project will enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and regional and local recreational opportunities. SIWQC urges federal support for this important project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade Allred", written over a horizontal line.

Wade Allred  
SIWQC - President



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April 15, 2022

Hon. Mike Simpson  
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**Re: Rock Creek Project / Letter of Support**

Dear Rep. Simpson:

The Twin Falls Canal Company (TFCC) is submitting this letter of support for the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project.

The proposed project will improve water quality in both Rock Creek and the Middle Snake River, two waterbodies that are located within and adjacent to TFCC's canal project. TFCC has steadily worked to implement water quality measures to help remove excess sediment and total phosphorus. The City's proposed project fits well within that program and there may be options for TFCC to address additional water quality projects near this important stream corridor.

TFCC fully supports the request and believes the project will greatly benefit area citizens and water users.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call me at 733-6731

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2022

Honorable Mike Simpson  
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**Re: Rock Creek Project / Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Simpson:

We are submitting this joint letter of support for the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project. The City's proposed Rock Creek project will enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and regional and local recreational opportunities.

Rock Creek is an important tributary water source to the Middle Snake River. The Idaho Legislature has taken various steps to support the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and its various programs to protect water quality over time. Although the waterways have been previously listed as water quality limited, Idaho is taking steps to address impacts to these water sources, and we support local voluntary grass roots efforts to make improvements. Improving and sustaining water quality is an important conservation goal for our area and its citizens. Projects like the City's Rock Creek project further that aim.

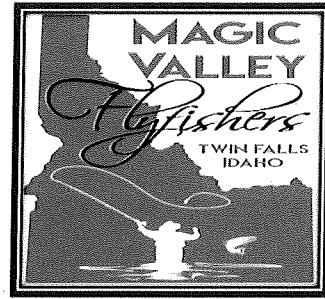
We support the City's proposed project and urge your support as well.

Sincerely,

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Linda Wright Hartgen  
Representative District 24B

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Re: Rock Creek Project / Letter of Support

April 29, 2022

Dear Rep. Simpson:

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF) strongly support the City of Twin Falls Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project.

As an original member of the Rock Creek Institute, MVFF champions all efforts to improve water quality, fisheries and recreational fishing access in this, our most important city and county stream.

Our goals and bylaws to promote, protect and enhance our fisheries and associated riparian resources for quality fly fishing and all aquatic activities fit precisely within the scope of this project. We strongly hope it will move forward to markedly increase the uses and over all recreational quality of Rock Creek and all the community through which it flows.

MVFF has and will continue to support these issues and provide the person power and other resources we can muster to help make this project a foundation for further Rock Creek improvements.

For more information on Magic Valley Fly Fishers please visit [www.magicvalleyflyfishers.com](http://www.magicvalleyflyfishers.com) and call 208-943-6405 with all questions.

Sincerely,

Bryan S. Woodhouse, President & Secretary, MVFF 2022.