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Rep. Mike Simpson
Water Resources Development Act, 2010
Member Project Requests

In accordance with the policies put forth by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I would like to share with you some information regarding the projects that I have submitted for consideration in the Water Resources Development Act.

Project Name: Boise River Flood Mitigation Study Cost Sharing

Amount Requested: Not Applicable

Recipient: City of Boise Public Works Department

Recipient's Address: 150 N. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83701

Description: In order to mitigate flood risks along the Boise River, Congress authorized a flood study in the Water Resources Development Act for 2007. The language requested in this bill would allow the city to credit work already accomplished toward their required non-federal match, should the Secretary determine that the work is integral to the study.

Project Name: Madison County Twin Bridges Flood Mitigation Study Cost Sharing

Amount Requested: Not Applicable

Recipient: Madison County

Recipient's Address: 134 E. Main, Rexburg, ID 83440

Description: Because of changes to the channel in South Fork of the Snake River, the Twin Bridge in Madison County has experienced significant erosion and is at risk of collapsing. Earlier this year \$50,000 of local emergency funding was used for temporary damage mitigation, but without an engineering study and mitigation, a long-term solution cannot move forward. The study is authorized under Section 14. The language requested in this bill would allow the city to credit work already accomplished toward their required non-federal match, should the Secretary determine that the work is integral to the study.

Project Name: Teton Creek Restoration Cost Sharing

Amount Requested: Not Applicable Recipient: Friends of the Teton River

Recipient's Address: 36 East Little, Driggs, ID 83422

Description: The goal of the Teton Creek Restoration Project is to stabilize Teton Creek, protect adjacent structures and infrastructure, and reestablish a functional aquatic and riparian ecosystem. The creek, which is the largest tributary to the upper Teton River, has been severely destabilized as a result of 20 years of illegal channelization to protect a subdivision built in the floodplain. The project is authorized under Section 206. The language requested in this bill would allow the city to credit work already accomplished toward their required non-federal match, should the Secretary determine that the work is integral to the study.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of the projects I have requested in the 2010 Water Resources Development bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.