

September 21, 2006

Mr. Hal Tolmie, Chairman  
Owyhee County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 128  
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Dear Mr. Chairman,

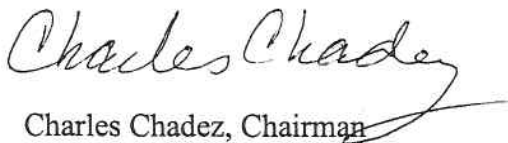
This letter is in support of Senate Bill S. 3794 (Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006).

As a grass-roots organization ourselves, we appreciate the thoughts, science, hard work and the tough negotiations and collaboration involved in this effort – a collaborative effort that fully included and involved the ranchers in Owyhee County.

Senate Bill 3794 will create new opportunities and welcome challenges for us as we strive to work with our conservation partners to meet the mission and functions of the Owyhee Soil Conservation District: To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for the conservation of soil, water, air, plants and animals – as they interact with human beings.

We thank the Owyhee County Commissioners for your vision and support for the Owyhee Initiative.

Sincerely,



Charles Chadez, Chairman  
Owyhee Soil Conservation District

cc: Senator Crapo