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RE: Silver Creek Kilpatrick Pond Restoration Project

Dear Nancy,

The Idaho Council of Trout Unlimited (ICTU) and its 1800 members wish to thank the Blaine County commissioners for the opportunity to provide comments on this unique project.

The Idaho Council fully supports the Nature Conservancy and the Purdy family's efforts to help improve the long term health of the Silver Creek Preserve. The Kilpatrick Pond Project will help address critical issues important to sustaining Silver Creek as a fly fisherman's destination now and for future generations.

ICTU appreciates the fact that best available science from the University of Idaho and GEO Engineers was used for developing the suggested enhancements that will result from this project.

ICTU feels that implementing this project will conserve, protect, reconnect, and sustain the Silver creek ecosystem and continue to offer diverse recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,



Christopher P. Jones
Chairman, Idaho Council of Trout Unlimited