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Low Impact Hydropower Institute  
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**Subject: Letter of Support for Douglas PUD's Low Impact Certification of the Wells Hydroelectric Project**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF), I am writing to express our strong support for the application by Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) for Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification of the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

MVFF is a conservation-minded community of anglers dedicated to the stewardship and enjoyment of fisheries resources in North Central Washington. Our members deeply value the health and vitality of our local lakes, streams, and rivers. For us it's not just about fishing, but for the larger ecological and cultural legacy they represent.

Over the years, Douglas PUD has proven itself to be a responsible partner in enhancing recreational fisheries in Okanogan County. In particular, we would like to commend their trout stocking program, which has provided real, measurable benefits to the quality of fishing in several regional lakes. We not only support the program, but they have our full endorsement.

It is clear to MVFF that Douglas PUD doesn't merely meet the minimum requirements associated with trout stocking; they exceed expectations by investing in the health, size, and overall quality of the fish being raised. These efforts translate directly into better fishing opportunities for our members and the public. The results are evident in the success of our outings, the satisfaction of local anglers, and the growing interest in fly fishing as a sustainable, outdoor recreational activity in the Methow Valley and surrounding areas.

We appreciate Douglas PUD's attention to ecological balance and their consistent communication with local stakeholders. Their actions reflect the kind of voluntary stewardship and community benefit that the Low Impact Hydropower certification process is designed to recognize.

For these reasons, MVFFA offers our strong support for Douglas PUD's application for LIHI certification of the Wells Hydroelectric Project. We thank you for your consideration of this letter and welcome any further opportunities to contribute to your review process.

Sincerely,

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Peter A. Speer  
President