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Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 10:13 AM
To: 'mbk004@frontiernet.net'
Cc: Sandy Smith; Lori Buggs
Subject: RE: Knife River Restoration Project via LSSA objection

Dear Ms. Klausen:

Thank you for your email and letter regarding Outdoor Heritage Funding to the Lake Superior Stealhead Association for restoration of the Knife River Watershed.

In reviewing our files, two appropriations were recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) to the Minnesota Legislature for funding appropriation; ML 2014, C h. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Sub d . 5(h) and ML 2012, C h. 264, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Sub d . 5(g). Both received funding appropriation from the legislature. Below are links to each of the respective accomplishments plans.

http://www.lsohc.leg.mn/FY2015/accomp_plan/5h.pdf

http://www.lsohc.leg.mn/FY2013/accomp_plan/5g.pdf

Although you may already know this, the LSOHC reviews habitat oriented project proposals for funding and then makes recommendations to the Legislature for appropriation of funding. The Council conducts hearings and receives testimony regarding the project proposals each year at their meeting in the first week of September. While I do not yet know if there will be another proposed phase of funding requested for the Knife River Watershed, if there is you may consider weighing in again at that time with your concerns.

Thank you again for taking the time to relay your concerns. It is quite evident that you are engaged and passionate in this matter. I will forward your concerns to the LSOHC members for their review.

In conservation,

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