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Dear District 14 Legislators:

The Trout Lake Community Council (TLCC) serves the community of Trout Lake, located approximately 23 miles north of the town of White Salmon, and is within Washington Legislative District 14. Our small community benefits from a variety of facilities located within the town of White Salmon, and many of our residents work in the White Salmon/Bingen area.

The TLCC is writing this letter in support of a new pool for the White Salmon Valley, a facility that would serve not only the cities of White Salmon and Bingen but also communities in the surrounding area such as Husum, BZ Corners, Trout Lake, Glenwood, and Underwood. We are requesting that you support and advocate for the three state grant applications submitted by the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District (WSVPMPD):

1. \$500,000 WA Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) WWRP grant
2. \$350,000 WA-RCO YAF grant
3. \$446,000 WA Legislature Local Community Project grant

These grants can provide a very significant portion of the expected \$2.5 to \$3 million cost of the new pool, and allocation this year may allow construction to begin as soon as July, 2021 toward a target May, 2022 grand opening community event.

The 80+ year-old White Salmon was closed permanently in 2019, after a noteworthy length of service to the communities in this area. The pool served a vital role in our area by providing a safe environment where swimming proficiency and physical conditioning could be achieved by residents of all ages. The pool also served as an important community gathering place for swim lessons, exercise, relaxation, and fun during our summer months.

While very scenic, our communities are in close proximity to cold and fast flowing rivers, such as the White Salmon and Columbia, and cold mountain lakes. Development of swimming ability in a safe environment is crucial for our children and many of were able to do so at the old pool facility prior to its closure.

We would greatly appreciate your support and advocacy for the WSVPMPD grant applications as you work to develop the state budget for this coming budget cycle.

Thank you for your service on our behalf,

Respectfully,



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