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Dear Ms. Howe, Mr. Kennedy, and Ms. Jurijew

Reference: Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Letter of Support

Via Email: Jennifer.Howe@canada.ca, bill.kennedy@nrcb.ca, and meghan.jurijew@gov.ab.ca

Please accept this letter regarding the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir project. The project's team has been in contact with us since September 2019 to discuss our feedback on the navigability of the Elbow River.

We provided recommendations to the project team in January 2020 on how to adjust the fish passage measures enabling a small navigation feature for river users. We understand that the purpose of these measures is not meant to create a recreational destination and have worked with the project team to scale it appropriately. In May 2020, the project team informed us that they would be incorporating these recommendations into the project.

We are pleased to see that our recommendations have been incorporated, providing greater value to river users in addition to flood mitigation for the region.

We look forward to being able to provide insights and feedback for future river projects.

Regards,

Chuck Lee, Alberta Whitewater Association

Mark Taylor, Rocky Mountain Paddling Centre