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Jim Archuleta  
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RE: FY 2021 Wood Innovations Grant Funding Opportunity

Dear Mr. Archuleta,

I am writing to request your consideration for the Chelan Forest Infrastructure Project Wood Innovations Grant application. The project will provide exceptional benefits in wood innovation, rural economic development and forest health in North Central Washington, an area of my Congressional District with significant wildfire risk, much-needed landscape restoration, and little to no forest products infrastructure.

The Chelan Forest Infrastructure Project will develop infrastructure to further manufacturing capacity for forest health projects and provide local family-wage jobs. There is substantial momentum and desire locally and regionally to invest in this work. This project has the support of the community, local, state, and federal government officials as well as environmental and community groups.

Not only will this project make forest restoration more cost effective, but it will also become profitable - benefiting state, tribal, and private lands that are currently too far from markets to be economically viable.

This is an important opportunity to advance forest health and infrastructure in Central Washington. If successful, the project will set a new precedent for long-term forest restoration and management in the fire-prone forests of the intermountain west.

I encourage your full and fair consideration of the Chelan Forest Infrastructure Project.

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress (WA08)