

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community and our nation, are enhanced by the contributions of high achieving students like those at Centre Avenue Elementary School. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the back-bone of the student's success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to the Centre Avenue Elementary School.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to submit a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2996, the FY2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of American Falls Wastewater System Improvements
Amount Requested: \$300,000
Account: EPA/STAG
Recipient: City of American Falls
Recipient's Address: 550 N. Oregon Trail, American Falls, ID 83211-1800

Description: The city's recently completed wastewater facilities planning study evaluated numerous options to address the city's wastewater infrastructure deficiencies and meet U.S. EPA and IDEQ regulations. Based on input from the city, IDEQ, citizens of American Falls, and the consulting engineers performing the study, it was determined that a new wastewater treatment facility incorporating membrane technologies was the best solution to meet the needs of the city. Such a treatment facility utilizes state-of-the-art treatment technology that would be able to meet current and anticipated future State and Federal requirements. In addition, it would provide future flexibility to the city for pursuing other treated wastewater disposal methods. Total project cost is over \$10 million. The people of American Falls will be absorbing the majority of costs for this project.

Project Name: City of Buhl Wastewater System Improvements
Amount: \$750,000
Account: EPA/STAG
Recipient: City of Buhl
Recipient's Address: 203 North Broadway, Buhl, ID 83316

Description: The city is periodically exceeding the NPDES limitations under the Clean Water Act and was recently fined by EPA for non-compliance of their pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) IDEQ and EPA have mandated that the city build a new wastewater treatment center. Buhl, a town of less than 5,000 residents, recently passed a bond election for \$15 million to help pay for the required improvements to their water system. The loan funds

will be a burden to the residents—many of whom are elderly (19% of the community) and the majority of whom are low to moderate income—and will increase monthly water bills by over \$100, but even this will be unsustainable without additional assistance. Funding for this project will enable the City build a new wastewater treatment center that would meet the Federal and State mandates imposed on the community.

Project Name: Historic Old Pen Site Stabilization Project

Amount: \$150,000 8 604

Account: National Park Service/Save America's Treasures

Recipient: Idaho State Historical Society

Recipient's Address: 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

Description: This project will provide stabilization to the Old Idaho State Penitentiary historic site, which is operated by the Idaho State Historical Society. The Old Pen is one of the West's most significant prison sites and one of the most visited cultural facilities in Idaho. It thus plays a key role in the economic vitality of Boise and the Treasure Valley. Funding would be used for work needed immediately to stabilize the site. In addition, funding would be used for an historic structures report to help better anticipate future maintenance and repair needs before they become emergency situations.

Project Name: Idaho Sage-Grouse Management Plan

Amount: \$1,000,000

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service/ESA Resource Management

Recipient: Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation

Recipient's Address: 300 N. 6th Street, Boise, ID 83702

Description: Sage-grouse are on the verge of being listed under the Endangered Species Act, with a decision on listing expected this spring. Idaho is taking proactive steps to recover this species before a listing is required. The management plan, which is a partnership with private landowners, is an attempt to be wise stewards of the nation's wildlife without being compelled to do so by law.

Project Name: Piva Parcel Land Acquisition
Amount: \$400,000

Account: USFS/Land Acquisition

Recipient: U.S. Forest Service, Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Recipient's Address: 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

Description: Funds will be used to enable the Forest Service to acquire the 160-acre Piva parcel from a willing seller so that it can be used for public recreation and access to the Redfish Lake recreation area from the town of Stanley. The Forest Service currently has a conservation easement on the property, but acquiring the land is necessary to carry out planned improvements.

Project Name: SNRA Trail Maintenance and Improvements

Amount: \$1,200,000

Account: Capital Improvements and Maintenance (Trail Construction)

Recipient: U.S. Forest Service, Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Recipient's Address: 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

Description: Funds will be used for trail construction, maintenance, and improvement in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Of the

funds appropriated for trail maintenance and improvement in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, \$500,000 is for trail improvements; \$500,000 is for maintenance of existing motorized trails and areas; and \$200,000 is for the improvement of two existing trails to provide primitive wheelchair access at Murdock Creek and Phyllis Lake.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects in my district that have received funding in the Conference Report accompanying the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY2010 and provide an explanation of my support for them.

IN HONOR OF THE COWELL LIME WORKS HISTORIC DISTRICT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of California at Santa Cruz's historic lime-producing district and the unveiling of the permanent National Register of Historic Places plaque. The installation of this plaque, which has been the result of many years of hard work by local historians and the campus, marks its permanent habitation on a base of Cowell Ranch limestone on the college campus. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I am honored to extend to the UCSC campus the gratitude of Congress and the American people for this historic event.

UC Santa Cruz is now the only higher education institution in California that has a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The school has taken an important step in preserving the history and significance of the largest center of lime-production in Northern California during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These historic buildings and features have a special historic value because they represent the diverse set of facilities stemming from lime-processing, operations, and worker-support. Furthermore, the district was instrumental in the economic and physical development of the Monterey Bay region during the late 19th century and the development of California cities after the Gold Rush during the early 20th century.

These lands were once part of Henry Cowell's Ranch, where industrialists produced mortar, plaster, whitewash and other much needed materials for a number of other industries in the region. In addition to owning the lime-production sites that can be found scattered around the UC Santa Cruz campus, Cowell also owned dairies and cattle ranches that extended throughout Northern California. He was involved in banking, real estate, shipping, and warehousing.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I want to uphold this historic district as a model of maintaining our state's historical integrity. Historical spaces like these are an example of what makes our community a national leader in the preservation of lands which continue to shape our society. I know I speak for the House of Representatives in saluting the UCSC community on this momentous occasion.