



May 28, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation

Dear Madam Secretary,

On behalf of Idaho Power Company, I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation's application for the BUILD grant to fund Fort Hall Connect: Strengthening Community Through Transportation Investment.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes is an important customer for Idaho Power Company. We support their efforts toward economic development and recognize the potential benefit of restructuring Exit 80 of Interstate 15. This exit provides one of the main transportation corridors for increased development and restructuring will reduce congestion with wider roads, turn lanes, bike paths, and walk lanes. Part of the restructuring process will include a utility corridor, streamlining utility placement for responding to business development.

In summary, Idaho Power is committed to serving the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and we will continue to partner toward fostering a strong relationship as their trusted energy advisor. We are excited about the potential for growth in this area, and we look forward to working with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes toward coordinating the electrical infrastructure requirements needed to support Fort Hall Connect.

If you have questions or request any clarifications, I can be reached at (208) 236-7706.

Sincerely,

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