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Friends of Reservoirs  
ATTN: Mr. Jeff Boxrucker  
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Boxrucker & Large Grant Review Committee:

The Red Rock Lake Association (RRLA) submits an application for a Large Project Grant to the Friends of Reservoirs, Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership. We are a volunteer organization that seek opportunities to partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers to enhance recreation and environmental stewardship at Lake Red Rock. Our organization has a long history, having formed and organized prior to the Red Rock Dam beginning operation in 1969. This has been a very productive endeavor for us. See <https://redrocklakeassociation.com/> for more information and just some of our numerous accomplishments toward these goals.

We have learned that you are accepting large grant applications to fund large-scale fisheries habitat enhancement projects. This is a perfect opportunity for us as we work to improve Lake Red Rock, not only the largest reservoir in the state of Iowa, but also the largest in the Upper Mississippi River region. Lake Red Rock is over 15,000 acres at normal conservation pool, but can expand to over 65,000 at full flood pool.

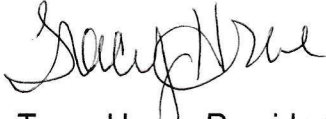
One of the things that our member and non-member supporters have emphasized is improving the Lake Red Rock fishery. Most of the natural lake structure that was present at first fill has now degraded or totally disappeared. The US Army Corps of Engineers and angler-volunteers have made efforts to improve the fishery in the past, but because of the lake's size, so much more can be and must be done. Two local charitable foundations have joined us in supporting the initiative to improve the Lake Red Rock fishery. We have consulted with fisheries biologists with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Please find their letter of support as an attachment to this proposal. The IDNR along with the Lake Red Rock Corps of Engineers are working toward developing a comprehensive fisheries habitat management plan. A very helpful guidebook has been the Reservoir Fish Habitat Management manual, published by the Friends of Reservoirs.

Some of our most enthusiastic members have been working on improving the Lake Red Rock fishery by way of on the ground activities, to regularly updating our members and Association leadership on opportunities and accomplishments. Their infectious enthusiasm has brought many on board to support fisheries improvements. This has been manifested in the Red Rock Lake Association Board in taking action to commit \$15,000 of lake association funds and 500 hours of labor. The board has nearly 50

dues paying members, plus over 30 business supported members. The RRLA has a proven track record, committed members and a determination to make this project a reality. In addition, the RRLA has secured an additional \$20,000 from area charitable foundations for this project. This financial commitment is testament to the broad community support for the Red Rock Fishery Habitat Project.

Please examine our proposal, along with our many public and private partners, and support the Lake Red Rock Fishery Habitat Improvement Project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Howe". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tracy Howe, President  
Red Rock Lake Association