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[Date]

Chairperson [Name]

[Tribe]

[Email Address]

[Address]

Dear Chairperson [Name],

[Applicant Organization] is planning a project at [Location] aimed at restoring riparian areas in [watershed] through [Activities]. [Provide a detailed description of the project and expected outcomes. List potential impacts to Tribal treaty rights, interests, or land if any have been identified. If a project webpage exists, please insert a hyperlink.]

The [Partners and/or Stakeholders] involved in planning this project include [insert organizations here and list out any community engagement already completed to inform the proposal]. We are applying for grant funding from Washington State Department of Ecology’s new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Lead grant program (CR2SL). This initiative consists of a partnership coalition of agencies and organizations dedicated to accelerating the establishment and protection of climate resilient riparian systems across the Puget Sound Basin. The CR2SL program will administer EPA funding as subawards to Puget Sound partners that result in greater area of riparian acreage protected, restored, and maintained for climate resiliency. The program seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to working with landowners to incentivize voluntary restoration of degraded riparian areas in support of salmon recovery goals, water quality objectives, and Tribal Treaty Rights.

We and our coalition partners recognize that implementation of this proposal may impact an area of interest to the [Tribe] as identified by the [mapping resource]. The CR2SL program supports riparian restoration programs that partner and coordinate with Tribes to improve the overall function of river and stream riparian systems. Restoration of damaged riparian systems takes partnering across jurisdictional boundaries, working with both private and public landowners, and coordinating across state, federal, and Tribal governments.

We want to respectfully notify you and the Tribe’s Natural Resources [or similar] Department that we are submitting this proposal and welcome any questions or feedback. The CR2SL program encourages broad, integrated partnerships and the [Tribe] is invited to collaborate on this project, if interested. We would like to explore partnership opportunities with you.

[I or Name – if someone other than yourself, please add their contact information] would be happy to meet with you or your designee either in person or by phone to discuss the proposal in greater detail.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]

[Email Address]

[Phone Number]

cc: [Name], Director, Natural Resources [or similar] Department, [Tribe]

 [Name], Director, Cultural Resources [or similar] Department, [Tribe]