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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express support for the 40-mile Loop Land Trust for the joint TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (U. S. Forest Service) has particular interest in the trail segment that would be created as part of this proposal. We are involved in a Sandy River Connections group that is interested in improving the recreation connectivity in this area. We manage a popular recreation and natural area on the East side of the Sandy River which is part of the Sandy River Connections strategy. This trail segment is an important step in moving our strategy forward.

I hope you will give serious consideration to this application for the TRIP improvement project.

Sincerely,

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