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Dear Mr. Michael:

I am writing to the Pocahontas County Public Service District (PSD) on behalf of the members of the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU) regarding the evaluation of alternative sites for the proposed Slatyfork waste water treatment facility.

WVCTU supports the proposal made by George Phillips of 8 Rivers Safe Development, LLC at the June 3, 2008 PSD meeting to create two PSDs/Projects; one for Linwood/Slatyfork and one for Snowshoe/Silver Creek.

The Snowshoe/Silver Creek Project would utilize a new centralized membrane (or SBR/membrane) plant located at the site of Silver Creeks' existing air oxidation plant on Black run that would discharge into Black Run (a tributary of Shavers Fork). The existing equalization tank at Snowshoe would be used to load balance between Snowshoe and Silver Creek by storing raw sewage during peak loads. This would eliminate the proposed pipeline coming off Cheat Mountain that is expensive and exposed to karst risk.

The Linwood/Slatyfork Project could be based on the results of the Elk Headwaters Association Watershed Plan and allow the Snowshoe/Silver Creek Project to proceed while the best solution for Linwood/Slatyfork is determined. Separation of the two projects would keep the discharges in the watersheds of their origin and would be much better for the protection of the resources than the proposed regional facility.

While the evaluation studies done by Thrasher Engineering for the PSD that are now focused on Sites 5 and 7 for a regional facility have been exhaustive and revealing; the karst considerations, both for the plant location and pipelines are still risks that will be very difficult to alleviate. The separation of the two projects would eliminate or minimize much of this risk and provide solutions that are much more effective for all concerned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Orr  
Chairman, WVCTU