

Mid-Willamette Valley & North Coast FY2026 Community-Initiated Project Quotes:

"The Idanha-Detroit Fire District is beyond grateful to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for their work in championing this request and getting us this much needed funding! Our small rural fire district has very limited financial resources. This funding will allow us to finish building our new fire station that is a replacement building for the fire station we lost during the Labor Day 2020 Beachie Creek Wildfire. The new fire station is an essential structure needed to protect and serve the residence and visitors to the Idanha and Detroit communities," **said Brandon Hamilton, President of Idanha-Detroit Fire District Board of Directors**

"We are incredibly grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden, and Representative Salinas for their diligent work in securing \$1 million in federal funding for the James Howe Water Tank and La Creole Sewer projects," **said Dallas Mayor Rich Slack.** "This essential funding will significantly improve our city's resiliency to short-term water emergencies and ensure the continued provision of safe drinking water for all Dallas residents. In addition, the sewer project provides essential infrastructure to advance needed housing and commercial development opportunities in our growing city."

"The City of Tillamook is incredibly grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for championing our critical infrastructure needs at the Federal level. The \$4 million in proposed funding for our Water Transmission Line Replacement Project represents a transformative investment in our city's future. This support brings us one major step closer to ensuring safe, reliable water service for our residents and businesses for generations to come," **said Aaron Burris, Tillamook Mayor.**

"The Nestucca, Neskowin and Sand Lake Watersheds Council thanks Senators Merkley and Wyden! The Salmon SuperHwy's progress is only possible because of our collaborative partnership around the shared mission of building lasting infrastructure to benefit the whole community. By replacing undersized and failing culverts, we can reconnect essential habitats for fish and aquatic organisms, while at the same time improving the transportation system, decreasing flooding and increasing climate resilience," **said Natalie Nites, Executive Director, Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council.**

"Cycle Yamhill County is beyond thrilled with this news. This funding will allow us to build a world class recreational facility in Yamhill County. Not only will the Panther Creek Trail System attract visitors and provide local businesses with robust economic benefits, it will be a landmark amenity for local riders of all ages and skills, and a beacon for employers and job seekers who count outdoor recreation opportunities as a "must have" when choosing to relocate. Cycle Yamhill County is deeply grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for recognizing our vision of how Outdoor Recreation works as an Economic driver for local communities and appreciates the investment in this shared economic development vision." **said Philip Higgins, President, Cycle Yamhill County.**

