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Dear Ms. Stewart:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your 2003 Conservation and Restoration proposal entitled "Western painted turtle habitat enhancement" was selected to receive full funding in the amount of \$37,688, contingent upon securing the pending grant through the State of Oregon as a matching contribution for this project by July 23, 2003. That date is our internal deadline for submitting the appropriate paperwork to obligate this year's funds. These funds are offered under the Greenspaces Program, a partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and Metro. We greatly appreciate your patience regarding the Greenspaces funding decisions, as our budget was finalized extremely late this year. The next steps in the funding process are as follows:

1. Please notify Jennifer Thompson of my staff of the pending State of Oregon grant decision by July 23, 2003.
2. If the State of Oregon grant is received, Jennifer will obligate Greenspaces funding for this project through the existing Cooperative Agreement between Service and Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces.
3. Before on-the-ground work may begin, the Service must ensure that activities associated with your project are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and the Department of the Interior Policy for Level 1 Environmental Contaminant surveys, as required for all Federally funded projects and programs. Jennifer will be in touch with you if we need additional information in order to complete this process. Please let us know as soon as possible if you foresee any changes to your project as described in the final application. You will be notified in writing once activities are in compliance and on-the-ground work may begin.

We greatly appreciate your interest in natural resource conservation and the contributions you are making to benefit fish and wildlife in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. If you have any questions or comments for us, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer at (503) 231-6179 or Jennifer_Thompson@fws.gov.

Sincerely,


for Kemper M. McMaster
State Supervisor

cc: Therese Fisher, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces