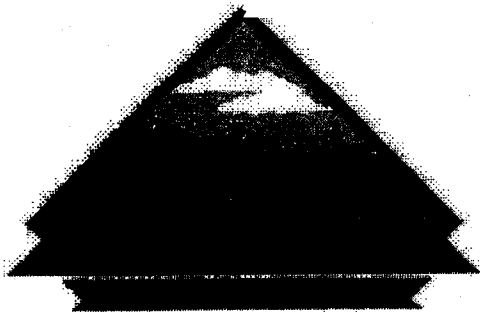


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Director Ann Hanus
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RE: Navigability Study Request for the Rogue River

Dear Ms. Hanus:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 26, 2004, wherein you request my input concerning a navigability study request for the Rogue River between River Mile 68 to River Mile 158. I have reviewed the letter of the previous District Attorney, Timothy Thompson. I am in complete agreement with his request for the study. The rights of the public, vis-à-vis the property owners along the Rogue River, is a significant issue in Southern Oregon and needs to be officially determined. No one really knows what the rights with respect to these two groups are. This creates continual frustration with law enforcement and has the potential for being the cause of violent conduct. I request that you conduct this study in as expeditious manner as possible.

Sincerely,


Clay E. Johnson
District Attorney

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