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To Whom It May Concern:

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is pleased to support Friends of the Cheat's proposal to investigate the feasibility of removing Albright Dam on the Cheat River in West Virginia. This project will assist Friends of the Cheat by providing resources for them to engage the community, hold stakeholder meetings, and produce a Feasibility Study.

The Service's Appalachian Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office's primary activities are to build collaborative partnerships and develop strategic plans for restoring rivers, wetlands, and ecosystem functions for better water quality and habitat to support priority aquatic species. The Service is committed to providing technical support to Friends of the Cheat for the proposed Albright Dam project. In December, our Fish Passage Engineers plan to assist them in collecting some basic survey data of the dam.

I highly recommend the FOC's dam feasibility study proposal and look forward to partnering with them to restore habitat for priority aquatic habitats.

Sincerely,

Callie McMungal
Project Leader