

Project Name:

CSKT Invasive Species Inspection Station

Recipient:

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Address:

P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855

Amount Requested:

\$1,604,500

Project Explanation:

Watercraft inspection stations are Montana's front line of defense to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The Tribes and their partners have been working diligently since 2017 to prevent the mussels from entering the Flathead Basin and the Columbia River Basin. The mussels have devastating impacts on the ecosystems and cost our country millions each year in damage and maintenance. The Tribes and their partners have been working diligently since 2017 to prevent the mussels from entering the Flathead Basin and the Columbia River Basin. The CSKT operates the Ravalli station. It is the only station in Montana to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days a week during boating season. The station does not have permanent infrastructure and it lacks adequate protection from the weather, running water, restrooms, and electricity. The tribe would like to develop a stable and permanent AIS watercraft inspection station in Ravalli to safely inspect watercraft and ensure that Montana's waterways are free from invasive species.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: CSKT Invasive Species Inspection Station Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Aquatic Invasive Species Station in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, PO Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855.

This project will enhance CSKT's efforts to prevent the spread of harmful Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into the Flathead Indian Reservation, and the Flathead and Columbia watersheds, benefitting everyone who lives in and visits MT-01.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress