

May 22, 2014

Rich Evans
Superintendent of State Police
Oregon State Police
4th Floor 255 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Superintendent Evans:

I write on behalf of the McKenzie River Guides Association (MRGA) to request that Trooper Marc Boyd be reinstated as Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer assigned to the McKenzie River Valley. In our opinion, Marc performed in an exemplary manner as fish and wildlife officer during his recent tenure here on the McKenzie.

We greatly valued our partnership with Marc. It seemed that he was “everywhere” on and around the River all the time and at his request we were able to help him with that presence. Most of us had Marc’s cell phone number so we were able to multiply the “eyes and ears” looking after our precious fish and wildlife resources. I don’t need to tell you how valuable that presence is as an enforcement tool. Another example of our partnership was the Boat Rodeo at Hendrick’s Park we jointly conducted each April. The main purpose was for Marc to inspect boats and certify their safety and worthiness and for all of us to recommit ourselves to a safe and “legal” season on the McKenzie. We value Marc as an Associate member of MRGA.

We deeply appreciated Marc’s ability to effectively handle day-to-day responsibilities and duties while at the same time working on and ultimately making big, important cases. We are especially proud of Marc for his lead role in successfully completing the 2010 “Donoho” poaching case involving the illegal killing of more than 300 deer in the Gate Creek watershed between 2005 and 2010, the single largest poaching case in Oregon history. *Peterson’s Hunting* online edition (May 16, 2014) featured a piece called: “The 8 Biggest Poaching Cases in U. S. History”. The “Oregon Atrocity” (Donoho case) was cited as the second biggest case successfully made in the U. S. This successful landmark case led by Marc has brought great appreciation and respect for OSP conservation and enforcement professionalism at both state and national levels. I know you share our pride in this accomplishment.

MRGA believes based on our valued experience with Marc that his highest and best service to the people of Oregon is as a fish and wildlife enforcement officer. We base that belief on Marc’s demonstrated profound dedication to conservation of fish and wildlife where we live and work. We

strongly hope that Marc, if at all possible, will be reinstated soon to his previous position of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer, hopefully here in the McKenzie River Valley.

Most Sincerely,

Stephen P. Mealey
President, MRGA