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Dear John,

David Polster  
SER Representative

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to inform you that O'Dell Spring Creek Restoration has been selected for the Society for Ecological Restoration Northwest Chapter's Restoration Project of the Year Award for 2018.

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The award is given *"To a public, private, non-profit- owned and/or sponsored/implemented restoration project, or a collaboratively-owned and/or implemented restoration project making a significant contribution to restoration in the Cascadia bioregion. "* This year's theme was focused on ecosystem and community resiliency for those projects and organizations in the eastern portion of SER's Northwest region.

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SERNW recognizes the work of NorthWestern Energy, Granger Ranches, Longhorn Ranch and River Design Group, Inc. in this multi-year partnership to restore O'Dell Spring Creek. The involvement of partners for this restoration project: private partners Granger Ranches and Longhorn Ranch, as well as non-profits, and public agencies, and the longevity, size and scope of the project have aided in meeting the criteria. O'Dell Spring Creek Restoration is also awarded in recognition of the important wildlife habitat gains in permanently protecting and restoring a historical floodplain, and reconstructing and reconnecting important wetland habitats. Integrating goals of the Pacific Flyway Council's trumpeter swan recovery plan and project monitoring to show gains in trumpeter swan populations in the O'Dell Spring Creek project area, are a notable example of integrating effectiveness monitoring into a project package, and add to the scope and breadth of this project's achievements.

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The Board congratulates you on being selected for the award, and hope you can attend for presentation of your certificate at our SERNW Regional Conference, at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, WA, on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

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Sincerely, for the SERNW Board of Directors,

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