

United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Director Donn Thill Idaho – University of Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station PO Box 442337 Moscow, 83844–2337

Dear Director Thill:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project W–2150 – Breeding Common Bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) for Resistance to Abiotic and Biotic Stresses, Sustainable Production, and Enhanced Nutritional Value (from W1150) beginning October 01, 2010 through September 30, 2015.

NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

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Accountability and Reporting Leader for Dr. Ralph Otto Associate Administrator, NIFA

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