**SAMPLE LANDOWNER ACCESS AGREEMENT –**

**CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL BEFORE USING**

Date of Letter

Name

Org/Comp if applicable

Address

**Re: Access for Feasibility Study for the Name of Dam Dam**

Org/Comp if applicable is working to study the feasibility of removing Name of Dam (Dam) located on your property County/State where the Dam is located (“Property”). A feasibility study is needed to assess removing the dam to implement restoration for the movement of aquatic wildlife through the stream, resumption of natural stream processes, and reestablished sediment transport.

Org/Comp if applicable wishes to contract with an engineering firm to develop information needed for the feasibility study. This includes determining potential environmental benefits, cost estimates for developing engineering and design plans, state and federal permitting, and dam removal. In order to develop this information, American Rivers and our contractor(s) willneed to access your property to gain a better understanding of the composition of the streambank; identify any stability concerns; locate any water and wastewater pipes, septic fields, and other utilities; and, note any other findings that require attention.

We are requesting access to the dam and bordering property in order to conduct the feasibility study. Granting site access for these purposes does not commit you to dam removal. The results of the feasibility study will be presented to you and other interested parties after completion. Should the feasibility study find that dam removal is achievable, then a separate dam removal and construction permission agreement will be requested. The subsequent steps – dependent upon funding – would be to undertake activities to facilitate and monitor the project, hire design and engineering firm(s), help state and federal permitting, coordinate demolition by the competent authority, and implement restoration.

We understand that as the landowner, you are supportive of these efforts.

Please sign below to affirm your support and to grant land access to the dam and surrounding area. If you have any questions, you may reach me as listed below.

Landowner Signature:

Landowner Name:

Landowner Address:

Landowner Email and Phone:

Org/Comp if applicable **Contact**: