



"Better Communities Through Cooperation"

Landscape Working Group
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Thank you very much for taking the time yesterday to present the Blackfoot Cooperative Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project to the Board of the Blackfoot Challenge. It was a very interesting and informative session.

Later in the meeting, the Board discussed your presentation and voted unanimously to endorse and support the process that you used to craft this initiative. The Blackfoot Challenge does not take positions on specific resource allocation issues (ie: number of acres of specific wilderness designation), but has been promoting a landscape approach to natural resource planning and management for years. We further applaud your successful effort to bring a wide diversity of interests to the table and to work with them to develop a proposal that they can all support.

If we can be of any further assistance in your very worthwhile endeavor, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Blackfoot Challenge