

# The 'Club'

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Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Work Group  
c/o Tina Bernd-Cohen  
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Helena, MT 59601

Dear Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Work Group and the Montana Congressional Delegation:

We support the Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project and ask the Montana Congressional Delegation to sponsor and enact legislation and appropriations to implement key pieces of the proposal including wilderness boundary expansion, funding for a co-generation facility and for restoration and stewardship projects, and formal authorization for USFS to serve on the Blackfoot Challenge Board of Directors.

The 'Club' is an OHV community organization in the heart of the Blackfoot Valley; located in the small town of Ovando. The economy of all the rural communities in the Blackfoot are sustained by natural resources and an important part of that is a trail system that runs from Lincoln to Seeley Lake. This trail is critical for all modes of travel; more importantly it has multiple landowners who provide access for recreation. The ability to work with wilderness, recreation, and agency personnel has allowed our group to expand our system and at the same time protect the very landscape we use. We are proud to support this project because it has brought all of us together for a common cause which will create jobs, provide natural resource experiences and most importantly; protect the land we all love to call home. We urge the Montana Congressional Delegation to work together to enact the Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project legislative package. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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