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Montana Congressional Delegation  
through the Blackfoot Landscape  
Stewardship Working Group

c/o Tina Bernd-Cohen  
729 Power Street  
Helena, MT 59601

RE: Support for Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project

Dear Ms. Bernd-Cohen:

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a land and wildlife conservation organization headquartered in Missoula, Montana. We have become active in stewardship contracting programs with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management over the past two years. More recently, we have become a partner in the Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Working Group, focusing on learning, educating and expanding the stewardship opportunities in this area. This group has developed the Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project.

This project has come forth as a result of extensive local community involvement, with many diverse organizations helping to shape this proposal. The Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project proposes to designate wilderness tracts, to expand stewardship funding to restore watersheds, ecosystems, and fish and wildlife habitat, and to assist in developing a co-generation plant to utilize small fuels. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation endorses this proposed project. We encourage Montana's Congressional delegation to support legislation to fund and enact this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Dart  
President and CEO