

Seeley Lake Community Council  
P.O. Box 30  
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Blackfoot Landscape Work Group  
c/o Tina Bernd-Cohen  
729 Power Street,  
Helena, MT 59601

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RE: Support for Blackfoot Landscape Stewardship Pilot Project


Dear Ms. Bernd-Cohen

The Seeley Lake Community Council is the local advisory group to the Missoula County Board of Commissioners. The Council seeks community input on issues and activities, synthesizes information, and makes recommendations to the Commissioners. We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposal of the Blackfoot Landscape Work Group concerning the proposed Blackfoot Stewardship Pilot Project. The Project was presented at two local community meetings in Seeley Lake

The Community Council has reviewed the various components of the proposal. The Blackfoot Stewardship Pilot Project proposes to designate wilderness tracts, 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 Community Council endorses all aspects of this proposed project. All input we received was positive. We encourage Montana's congressional delegation to support legislation to fund and enact this project.

Thanks for your efforts on behalf of Seeley Lake community and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Haufler  
Chair