



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

Northern Rockies Regional Office

April 16, 2007

Montana Congressional Delegation
Sen. Max Baucus
Sen. Jon Tester
Rep. Denny Rehberg

Dear Sirs,

The Wilderness Society endorses the Blackfoot Cooperative Landscape Stewardship Project and encourages you to pass legislation implementing this proposal.

The project proposes to designate wilderness additions to the Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Mission Mountain Wilderness areas, to expand funding for restoration work and stewardship contracting on the Seeley Lake District of the Lolo National Forest, and assists in developing a co-generation plan at Seeley Lake to utilize small fuels.

The Blackfoot Cooperative Landscape Stewardship Project is the result of extensive community involvement and will result in model restoration projects on the ground, providing local jobs. The Wilderness designation also preserves the rich horse packing and wilderness traditions in the valley. The project also builds off the culture of cooperation in the valley between diverse groups.

Thanks for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Bob Ekey
Northern Rockies Regional Director