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Subject: 2011 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Proposals

To: Joel Holtrop

In response to your December 1, 2010 letter requesting 2011 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) proposals, the Northern Region wishes to submit the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) for consideration for FY 2011 funding. I have reviewed the proposal and believe it exemplifies the principles of the program.

The proposal builds on a decade of KVRI collaboration and restoration activities accomplished on all lands throughout the lower Kootenai River watershed. The treatment activities proposed here will improve water quality and wildlife habitat, bring economic opportunity to local communities, improve landscape resiliency for severe wildfire, insect and disease-wrought landscapes and minimize the effects of climate change. The restoration strategy outlined in this proposal is consistent with the management vision shared by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service because it is science based, restoration focused, collaboratively developed and takes advantage of ongoing and planned aquatic and vegetative treatments across all land ownerships.

I am committed to supporting the implementation of this excellent proposal. It has been designed to be self supporting and is the product of a mature collaborative effort. The focus of this project is on priority resource restoration issues, along with significant potential for job creations in an area with great needs.

The following individuals are designated contacts in case additional information is needed regarding this proposal: Linda McFadden, District Ranger, Bonners Ferry R.D., Idaho Panhandle National Forest (208-267-6701), or Patty Perry, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho & KVRI Facilitator (208-267-3519, [patty@kootenai.org](mailto:patty@kootenai.org)).

The collaborative program has established impressive track record and is committed to the stewardship of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. I believe it is important to recognize this effort as part of the CFLRP.

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Enclosure

