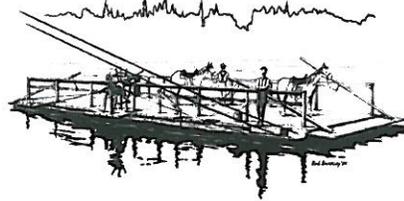




CITY OF BONNERS FERRY



Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

February 11, 2011

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Dear Rick:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 21st and as a follow up to our meeting on Tuesday morning with KVRI Co-chairs, yourself and your staff at the ICL office in Boise.

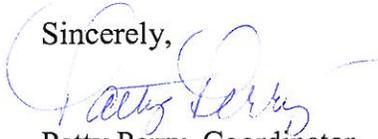
As was mentioned, your letter did come as a surprise, since the three KVRI Co-chairs and I had just attend the Collaborative Forest Restoration Workshop co-sponsored by ICL in Boise on January 19th-20th, along with several ICL staff members; and then visiting with you personally on the phone on January 24th to ask for an opportunity to meet with you – with no mention of ICL concerns. I am thankful that together, we had already paved the way for meeting in person.

Now -- with all that “water under the bridge” and in light of the visit Tuesday, we look forward and sincerely hope ICL will accept our invitation extended to partner with us on the KVRI Forestry Committee and help shape how we, as a local community dependent on the National Forest in so many ways, work toward building resiliency and sustainability into the future.

Also, the email yesterday afternoon from Jonathan sharing his perspective of our meeting as being “a productive and illuminating conversation” and expressing hope for a path forward was very much appreciated. He requested a full copy of our CFLRA proposal – which I have already sent electronically. It would be helpful to us to have your ICL staff review the proposal & make us aware of any concerns in the next few days so we could possibly address them prior to final submittal on Feb. 18th.

I and other KVRI representatives are hopeful for an opportunity to meet here in Bonners Ferry as was discussed, and we look forward to hearing from you regarding a date that will work with in the next few days.

Sincerely,



Patty Perry, Coordinator
Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

cc:

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