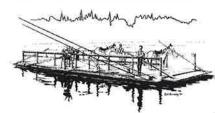
CITY OF BONNERS FERRY







Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

April 22, 2014

Karen Sjoquist Idaho Forest Legacy Program Manager Idaho Department of Lands 2550 Highway 2 West Sandpoint, ID 83864

Dear Ms. Sjoquist:

The Nature Conservancy has been working with landowners to develop the Selkirk Hall-Kootenai Bench FY16 Forest Legacy Project. Kennon McClintock, TNC, has provided information to the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative Board and partners regarding the application for a conservation easement on these private lands located in Boundary County, Idaho.

The Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) is a community-based collaborative effort in the Kootenai River Basin chaired by the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the City of Bonners Ferry, and Boundary County. It was founded in 2000 to improve coordination of local, state, federal, and tribal programs to restore and maintain social, cultural, economic, and natural resources.

The KVRI Board recognizes the value in protecting areas for wildlife while sustaining the opportunity for timber management & farming. We wish to convey our support as the Selkirk Hall-Kootenai Bench project moves ahead in the process.

Dan Dinning, Commissioner Boundary County Dave Anderson, Mayor City of Bonners Ferry Gary Aitken Jr. Chair Kootenai Tribe of Idaho