

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY



Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

March 6, 2014

TO: Craig Foss, Gina Davis – Idaho Department of Lands

FROM: Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

RE: Nomination of Landscape Treatment Areas/2014 Farm Bill

The Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) is a community-based collaborative effort in the Kootenai River Basin co-chaired by the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the City of Bonners Ferry, and Boundary County. It was founded in 2001 to improve coordination of local, state, federal, and tribal programs to restore and maintain social, cultural, economic, and natural resources.

Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative board members are writing to express our support in nominating areas identified in the Five Year Vegetation Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest as submitted by the Forest Supervisor, Mary Farnsworth. The Plan was completed through many hours of collaborative process by KVRI members/staff and others (during 2012).

Following the initial planning with detailed analysis specific to high risk areas will allow us to work collaborative to fully develop projects that meet the intent of the Farm Bill. We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the Forest Service staff, as we bring the diverse perspectives and concerns of our local community to the table.

Sincerely,

Dan Dinning,
Boundary Co. Commissioner
KVRI Co-chair

Gary Aitken Jr.
Chair Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
KVRI Co-Chair

Dave Anderson, Mayor
City of Bonners Ferry
KVRI Co-Chair