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Ms. Leslie Weldon, Regional Forester
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RE: Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Proposed Project

Dear Ms. Weldon:

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation would like to express our support for the Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Project. The proposal was submitted to your office through the Lolo Restoration Committee (LRC), a subgroup of the Montana Forest Restoration Committee. RMEF participates as a member of the MFRC, LRC and as a member of the SW Crown Collaborative. We support this proposal for consideration under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). Members of the LRC helped craft the proposal, and support the inclusive, collaborative process rooted in science that involved all stakeholders.

The participation of multi-stakeholder and multi-jurisdictional interests serves to facilitate ongoing collaboration pertaining to fuel reduction and forest and watershed restoration efforts envisioned in the proposed project. The collaborators have worked to bring together a broad based group and agree on a framework for moving forward. A framework that will help to restore watersheds and landscapes to improve wildlife and fish habitats and help create a more resilient landscape that can support a sustainable community economy and jobs.

Thank-you for giving the Southwestern Crown proposal the strongest possible support as it moves forward through the selection process.

Sincerely,

Allen Christophersen
Director of Habitat Stewardship Services