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LIONHEAD NATIONAL PROTECTION AREA

October 15, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of the Lionhead National Protection Area is to permanently protect approximately 38,000 acres in Montana and Idaho along the Continental Divide between Targhee Pass and Reynolds Pass.

The Lionhead National Protection Area's intent is to permanently protect the resource from future development to preserve historic recreational uses and travel by hikers, equestrian, and bicycles. Special use areas provide and preserve snowmobile access in Idaho and portions of Montana in a specified time period. The Lionhead National Protection Area lies within Gallatin and Madison Counties in Montana and Targhee County Idaho.

We the undersigned support permanent protection of this area through a National Protection Area designation.

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION

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William A. Murdock, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe P. Skinner", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe P. Skinner, Member

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Stephen White", is written over a horizontal line.

R. Stephen White, Member

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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November 21, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Madison County Board of Commissioners' support for the creation of the Lionhead National Protection Area. This area lies within Gallatin and Madison Counties in Montana and Targhee County, Idaho, along the Continental Divide between Targhee Pass and Raynolds Pass.

The Lionhead National Protection Area is intended to permanently protect approximately 38,000 acres in Montana and Idaho from future development to preserve historic recreational uses and travel by hikers, equestrian, and bicycles. Special use areas provide and preserve snowmobile access in Idaho and portions of Montana in a specified time period.

We believe this effort will create a balance between preservation, access, and multi-use for a variety of individuals. By offering multi-use to both residents and visitors to the area, the National Protection Area would offer quality recreational experiences along with enhancement to local economies.

The Madison County Board of Commissioners supports the future management of this area through a National Protection Area designation.

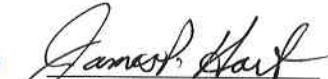
Sincerely,



David Schulz, Chairman
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Madison County



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January 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern::

RE: Proposed Lionhead National Protection Area

The Beaverhead County Commissioners support the creation of the Lionhead National Protection Area. This area lies within Gallatin and Madison Counties in Montana and Targhee County, Idaho, along the Continental Divide between Targhee Pass and Reynolds Pass.

Special use areas provide and preserve snowmobile access in Idaho and portions of Montana in a specified time period. The Lionhead National Protection Area is intended to permanently protect approximately 38,000 acres in Montana and Idaho from future development to preserve historic recreational uses and travel by hikers, equestrian, and bicycles.

The Commissioners believe this effort will create a balance between preservation, access, and multi-use for a variety of individuals. By offering multi-use to both residents and visitors to the area, the National Protection Area would offer quality recreational experiences along with enhancement to local economies.

The Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners supports the future management of this area through a National Protection designation.

Sincerely,

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C. Thomas Rice
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garth L. Haugland".

Garth L. Haugland
Commissioner

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. McGinley".

Michael J. McGinley
Commissioner

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Tom Lythgoe, Chair

Ken Weber, Commissioner

Dave Kirsch, Commissioner

February 18, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Proposed Lionhead National Protection Area

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners support the creation of the Lionhead National Protection Area located within Gallatin and Madison Counties in Montana and Targhee County, Idaho, along the Continental Divide between Targhee Pass and Reynolds Pass.

Special use areas provide and preserve snowmobile access in Idaho and portions of Montana in a specified time period. The Lionhead National Protection Area is intended to permanently protect approximately 38,000 acres in Montana and Idaho from future development to preserve historic recreational uses and travel by hikers, equestrian and bicycles.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners believe this effort will create a balance between preservation, access and multi-use for a variety of individuals. By offering multi-use to both residents and visitors to the area, the National Protection Area would offer quality recreational experiences along with enhancement to local economies.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners supports the future management of this area through a National Protection designation.

Sincerely,

Tomas E. Lythgoe, Chair

Ken Weber

Dave Kirsch

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners

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CC: reading file



LIONHEAD NATIONAL PROTECTION AREA

October 31, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce wishes to support the efforts to protect the access and multi-use of the Lionhead National Protection Area. The purpose of the Lionhead National Protection Area is to permanently protect approximately 38,000 acres in Montana and Idaho along the Continental Divide between Targhee Pass and Reynolds Pass.

While the Lionhead National Protection Area's intent is to permanently protect the resource from future development, we believe that to preserve historic recreational uses and travel by hikers, equestrian, and bicycles is a vital role of this designation as well. Special use areas provide and preserve snowmobile access in Idaho and portions of Montana in a specified time period, and we believe this to be fair, and following with the effort to create a balance between preservation, access, and multi-use for a variety of individuals.

The Lionhead National Protection Area lies within Gallatin and Madison Counties in Montana and Targhee County Idaho, and serves residents as well as visitors seeking a quality recreational experience. We understand that this use and visitation access provides not only a unique experience, but also that it brings in visitors who contribute to local economies in other ways that support our MT and ID communities.

We support the protection of this area through a National Protection Area designation.

Sincerely,

Marne Hayes, Executive Director
Big Sky Chamber of Commerce