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The Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative Board and Forestry Committee have worked collaboratively with the Forest Service staff through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program to develop the proposed Westside Restoration Project ("Project").

The KVRI Board has determined to support the project and wishes to continue the collaborative effort as potential issues and concerns are analyzed and the project is further developed.

It is the KVRI intent that through project implementation, the Westside Restoration Project will accomplish the outlined restoration goals and complement the many other landscape projects being undertaken.

Sincerely,

Dan Dinning ?? Gary Aitken Jr.?? Dick Staples Boundary Co. Commissioner Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Mayor, City of Bonners Ferry