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In reference to the Greater Red Lodge Forest and Habitat Management Project; I wanted to comment that I felt that this project was well presented to us, the public, back in the year 2013. I spent a day that summer on your public invited walk-about when the Forest Service staff explained the projects. It was obvious that the District Ranger had compiled a very informed team. I believe anyone with an open mind should have had no problem understanding the Forest Service's mission to attempt to make the forest a safer and better place to live and recreate in. Now after the 7-year delay because of the frivolous lawsuit over Lynx habitat; My vote is once again to proceed with your option to do all you have requested as to the improvement project by thinning and logging. I know your department has skillfully trained personnel to make these well-planned decisions.

I have a directive from the Board of Directors of our Beartooth Backcountry Horseman to sign this letter of support on their and my behalf.