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APPENDIX F

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT



March 29, 2024

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear EPA CPRG Grant administrator,

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is committed to administering their portion of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's CPRG grant application. The measure, "Reduce Nonpoint Sources of Pollution and Associated Algal Blooms," will provide passthrough funding to local organizations to implement nutrient pollution reduction projects. Priority projects will occur on lakes and their upstream rivers with known recurring algal blooms. Freshwater algal blooms are documented to emit the equivalent of 20% of global fossil fuel emissions (DelSontro *et al.* 2018). Priority will also be given to projects that have the co-benefit of reducing the energy and cost required for municipalities to treat drinking and wastewater.

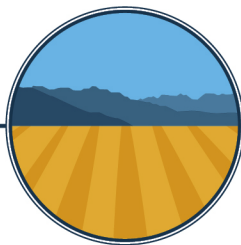
The Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction measure will be housed within the DEQ Nonpoint Source and Wetland Program's existing grant framework with dedicated program staff. That existing grant framework is primarily funded by EPA's §319 Grant Program. Both grant programs have an environmental justice initiative, and NPSW staff have existing education and outreach strategies to provide resources to disadvantaged communities. Furthermore, securing CPRG funding within the existing §319 grant framework will allow the program to remove the typical 40% match requirement, which is a barrier for disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for providing this opportunity and supporting this application.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2024

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear EPA CPRG Grant Administrator,

The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) is committed to administering its portion of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application.

MDA has worked extensively with DNRC to develop, garner support, and allocate necessary resources to advance proposed Measures 5-7.

- Measure 5: Fertilizer Use Innovation for Improved Soil Health
- Measure 6: Ranchland Stewardship Program
- Measure 7: Incentive Innovation in the Cattle and Beef Industry

The Montana Department of Agriculture has a long history of close partnership with industry stakeholders, the Montana university system, and nonprofit organizations across the state to ensure the necessary support and grassroots infrastructure exists to see these measures through to successful completion. Outcomes will meet or exceed those proposed in the application and provide meaningful, long-term management outcomes that both reduce emissions and leverage natural solutions to reduce pollution.

The measures will be overseen by the agency's two Administrators, well versed in federal grant management and hands-on implementation of the proposed activities. Dedicated specialists will be hired to conduct ample industry outreach prior to program finalization. Further, efforts will be taken to ensure meaningful Low-Income and Disadvantaged Community (LIDAC) engagement by targeted participation across Montana's most underserved, rural regions and seven American Indian reservations.

Thank you for providing this opportunity and supporting this application.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Director, Montana Department of Agriculture



March 22, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves as an expression of American Forests' support for Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (MT DNRC) application through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

American Forests is a national conservation organization whose mission is to create healthy and resilient forests, from cities to large landscapes. American Forests began our partnership with MT DNRC following the launch of our Northern Rockies Program in 2022. Through our partnership, we've worked together to cost-share the construction of a new greenhouse for meeting private and tribal lands reforestation in the state of Montana, and are working together to increase technical and funding assistance to forest landowners in the state.

We are excited to hear that Montana DNRC is requesting support through the CPRG grants program, and are pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for this proposal. American Forests is especially supportive of activities addressed within *Measure 1: Forest Management & Wildfire Mitigation*. American Forests sees a strong need to increase forest resilience at scale, and is excited to continue working with great partners like Montana DNRC to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

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Wes Swaffar
Northern Rockies Director
American Forests



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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
Environmental Protection Agency

March 26, 2024

Re: Montana DNRC's CPRG Grant Application

Dear EPA CPRG Grant Administrator:

On behalf of the Bitterroot Water Partnership, I am writing this letter in support of the Montana DNRC's CPRG grant application.

For more than 30 years, the Bitterroot Water Partnership (BWP) has worked in and for the Bitterroot watershed. We lead reliable and intentional conservation initiatives that promote and provide clean, ample water for people and healthy habitats by working with key partners and our communities. We have extensive experience implementing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution reduction, soil health, and ranchland stewardship measures, including dozens of NPS pollution reduction projects with support from DEQ and DNRC.

Additional resources are required to meet demand and need. Not only will this CPRG funding have a direct impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but these measures will also improve the economic livelihood and quality of life of disadvantaged members of my local community. For example, many ranchers and farmers in my area live within EPA-identified disadvantaged communities. The match requirements of many funding sources are often a barrier to these landowners implementing projects on their land that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the economic livelihood of their operations. Funds like this could go a long way to supporting measures that would be otherwise out of reach for many.

We encourage you to support this application to allow for more vital, on the ground work to be done to improve natural resources and quality of life.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 2024

Mr. Michael Butts , Nursery Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Butts,

This correspondence is regarding a letter of support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Crow Agency for a tree production/planting grant that the DNRC is currently working on.

As your email of March 21, 2024 outlined, if approved, this grant would fund cone collecting, seedling production at the DNRC Nursery, and planting on Crow Lands for five years. In addition, you outlined the DNRC's request falling under 1 of 7 GHG Measures:

Measure 1. Forest Management & Wildfire Mitigation: The measure would expand funding for a critical range of activities, including fuel reduction, controlled burns, pest management, reforestation projects, and biomass utilization. Its primary aim would be to continue to enhance forest resilience against wildfires, pests and diseases, while promoting carbon sequestration in forest ecosystems.

As Measure 1, Forest Management & Wildfire Mitigation outlines, it appears that there is much more opportunity for forestry activities other than, reforestation.

Crow Agency is committed to the Management of all Natural Resources on the Crow Reservation and is in support of obtaining funding for an EPA Grant.

I look forward to your response. If you have any questions or need additional information, please free to contact myself at 406-638-2827 or Ms. Andrea Gilham, Forest Manager at 406-638-2391.

Respectfully,

Harold Jess Brien
Superintendent

March 27, 2024

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Montana DNRC's CPRG Grant Application

Dear EPA CPRG Grant Administrator:

I write this letter in support of the Montana DNRC's CPRG grant application.

The City of Bozeman and our local community stakeholders are accustomed to implementing forest landscape stewardship, urban forestry, and nonpoint source pollution reduction best management practices. These are important efforts that advance city goals and priorities in environmental stewardship and climate resiliency.

Additional resources are required to meet demand and need for advancing climate resiliency measures in an equitable fashion. Not only will this CPRG funding have a direct impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but the funding of resiliency measures can serve to improve the livelihood of disadvantaged local community members. For example, nonpoint source pollution reduction projects can reduce the long-range compliance costs and significantly reduce energy consumption necessary to treat municipal wastewater. Also, wildfire fuels reduction measures implemented in our municipal watersheds can lower the extent and severity of wildfire impacts on our drinking water supply, improving drinking water security and reducing treatment costs.

It is my hope that the Montana DNRC's CPRG grant application is viewed favorably and receives funding.

Sincerely,


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March 26, 2024

Deputy Director Zach Coccoli
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Re: Letter of Support for Montana Climate Pollution Reduction Priorities – Supporting healthy communities through innovative Montana-made solutions

To whom it may concern:

The Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA) is writing to express our support for Montana's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. Our members include retailers, distributors, seed companies and fertilizer suppliers and number more than 230 member companies and locations. MABA supports sound science-based policies, and our mission is to provide proactive leadership to assure the viability of Montana agribusiness.

Montana is a ripe environment for innovation and well-positioned to advance the deployment of precision variable rate fertilizer applications.

The Montana Department of Agriculture has proposed the Fertilizer Use Innovation for Improved Soil Health measure (measure 5) request for \$1,000,000. MABA membership supports this effort and is committed to delivering active industry engagement to maximize program participation and effectiveness. MABA members have contributed significant investments in nitrogen-based fertilizer use innovations and improved nutrient management practices for several years. Together, our efforts will improve current practices on over a minimum of 100,000 acres.

The Montana Agricultural Business Association believes Montana producers are looking for ways to reduce costs and become more efficient and effective with fertilizer use. Through cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and commodity groups one of our goals is to decrease nitrogen volatilization in Montana. MABA is developing a Nutrient Management Program for the purpose of providing nutrient management information and education to fertilizer users in a format that is easy to understand and easy to implement. The program will inform users on choosing the right fertilizer, applying fertilizer at the right time, applying fertilizer at the right rate and in the right place. The educational program will include all types of fertilizer use and application including both urban and rural settings. Our effort will be further bolstered by the State's successful receipt of CPRG implementation grant funding for fertilizer use efficiencies, outreach, and education.

Sincerely,

Krista Lee Evans

Krista Lee Evans
Executive Director



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March 29, 2024

Deputy Director Zach Coccoli
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Re: Letter of Support for Montana Climate Pollution Reduction Priorities – Supporting healthy communities through innovative Montana-made solutions

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of nearly 20,000 member families of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), we are writing to express our support for Montana's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Our membership appreciates voluntary incentive-based programs that facilitate agricultural producers' and land managers' adaptations and implementation of best management practices in our changing environment. Montana is ripe for innovation and well-positioned to advance the deployment of precision variable rate fertilizer applications, healthy forest management, and coal seam fire mitigation.

The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) has proposed the Fertilizer Use Innovation for Improved Soil Health measure (measure 5) request for \$1,000,000. MFBF membership supports this effort and is committed to engaging in active industry education to maximize program participation and effectiveness. MFBF members have clear policy supporting the education and research of improvement to nutrient management and overall soil health. Together, our efforts will reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with nitrogen volatilization and improve soil health.

Measure 6 requested by MDA for the Rangeland Stewardship program will allow ranchers in Montana to implement grazing practices that they see fit to improve overall soil health. In Montana one of the greatest barriers to entry to increase stocking density for shorter durations is water development. Water development is often cost prohibitive to ranchers and limits grazing flexibility. Funding water development among other infrastructure needs will give ranchers the opportunity to implement new grazing practices that have been shown to improve soil health over time. MFBF is committed to working with MDA to get the word out and support these efforts with our members.

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Additionally, our membership values healthy Montana forests. We appreciate the applications inclusion of Measure 1 – Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation. We are hopeful that with additional funding forest management can improve, providing for healthier soil, higher water quality and volume while lowering wildfire risk in Montana forests. Our membership experiences firsthand the devastation of the lack of funding in this space.

We are also excited about Measure 3, Mitigate and Extinguish Coal Seam Fires, and the possibility of funding this work. Coal seam fires directly affect some of our membership. These fires are very challenging and expensive to address. Funding this will allow for the relief of a direct and dangerous greenhouse gas emitter.

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation members are true stewards of the land and believe in promoting and applying best management practices. MFBF is dedicated to expanding opportunities for Montana forest management experts, rural Montanans, and Montana's agricultural producers. We are committed to this work and are looking forward to further bolstering these efforts by the State's successful receipt of CPRG implementation grant funding for fertilizer use efficiencies, rangeland stewardship, forest management and coal seam fires. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Kulbeck
Executive Vice President

We Care for the Country



March 28, 2024

Dear EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Missoula Conservation District (MCD) to express our strong support for Montana State's EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) proposal, co-written by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA). This collaborative effort among state agencies demonstrates a unified commitment to addressing climate-related challenges in our region.

The proposed grant would fund multiple climate-related projects totaling \$50M, including critical initiatives such as wildfire mitigation and reforestation efforts, all crucial programs supported by the MCD for carbon control in our region of Western Montana. Specifically, the MCD is a partner in the DNRC Nursery and greatly appreciates the support. The reforestation component of this proposal aims to sequester carbon after wildfire in part by funding cone collecting, seedling production at the DNRC Nursery, and replanting forests, including tribal lands and underserved communities over a five-year period.

Additionally, the grant proposal includes a separate measure for urban forestry, further demonstrating the comprehensive approach to climate adaptation and mitigation outlined in the proposal.

In conclusion, we believe that the State's EPA CPRG grant proposal represents a significant opportunity to address climate-related challenges and promote environmental resilience in our region. We urge you to consider this proposal favorably, as it aligns with our shared goals of conservation and sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Radley Watkins, Executive Director, Missoula Conservation District

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March 21, 2024

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Re: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing on behalf of the Montana League of Cities and Towns (the League) to express our strong support for the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. We believe that the proposed projects align well with the EPA's intent and objectives for addressing climate variability and creating adaptation methods.

The need is great in Montana's underserved landowners and communities and therefore this grant would be essential in directly bringing implementation-ready projects on the ground. This initiative is crucial for giving our residents and communities the ability to work on their local issues and bring climate-based solutions into their area.

The proposed projects will:

- Promote walkability and bikeability throughout towns by reducing temperatures and mitigating the urban heat island effect.
- Provide economic and social community benefits by attracting businesses and residents, and by reducing energy costs by providing shade in the summer and windbreaks in the winter.
- Right-sized projects to assist in workforce capacity and ability to implement locally on the ground.

The League is enthusiastic about the opportunity to support this initiative. As partners, our organizations will collaborate and team together to bring much-needed projects and service to communities and residents at risk.

Thank you for considering our support for the DNRC's application.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Lynch
Executive Director

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March 25, 2024

Dear Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Committee,

I am writing regarding a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application submitted by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (MTDNRC). The grant application focuses on the importance and implementation of advancing sustainable manufacturing practices. Further, this advancement aligns with Weyerhaeuser's operational and sustainability goals.

Weyerhaeuser is one of the world's largest private owners of timberlands. We own or control approximately 11 million acres of sustainably managed timberlands in the United States and manage millions more under long-term license in Canada. We are also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products in North America. Weyerhaeuser has set an ambitious target to reduce Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 42% by 2030, measured against a 2020 baseline. We have a strong interest promoting sustainable forest management and in adopting the use of low-carbon manufacturing technologies to reduce GHG emissions in-line with climate science.

Weyerhaeuser supports and is in alignment with the scope of the CPRG application and encourages the approval of this application by the Grant Committee. The grant allows MDTNRC to commercialize more residual biomass material from harvest activities than is currently economically feasible. It will also demonstrate the additional benefits of grinding and hauling residual biomass versus open burning. We anticipate the benefits experienced by area landowners resulting from this grant will increase the application of this sustainable practice in Northwest Montana. Implementation of this grant will allow Weyerhaeuser to reduce natural gas use (and GHG emissions) through the increased availability of sustainably sourced biomass into our MT facilities.

Regards,



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Senior Sustainability Transformation Manager

cc: Matt Arno, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Shaney Neuharth, Weyerhaeuser



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Letter of support:

Reference Montana CPRG Grant Application:

To whom it may concern:

I write this letter in support to the Montana DNRC CPRG GRANT application. Burning coal seams pose a significant threat to Montana's environment, public safety, and climate planning efforts. Burning coal seams can ignite wildfires, burn beneath buildings, roadways and the surface releasing deadly gases and lead to subsidence. These underground fires act as uncontrolled point sources of harmful greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. The detrimental impacts of burning coal seam fires extend beyond greenhouse gas emissions. They also cause historically some of the largest wildfires every year in Eastern Montana. This leads to the impact of air quality throughout Montana along with the Western United States.

These coal seam fires have had a direct impact on the health and safety for the first responders when wildfires emerge. Eastern Montana is economically driven from agriculture production, the wildfires caused by burning coal seams have had a significant negative impact on the local economy the past 10 years. Coal seam fires have destroyed valuable ecosystems, degraded forests, and critical grasslands for the number one economical driver for our rural communities.

To support this cause I wrote and received a federal award to map these burning coal seams across Custer, Rosebud, Powder River, and Big Horn Counties along with the Northern Cheyenne, and Crow reservations. Today we have mapped and verified almost 700 actively burning coal seams across Eastern Montana. To date as I write this letter we have already burned over 1000 acres of grass and forest lands from coal seams being the cause of origin.

As a first responder, I have seen and witnessed the catastrophic wildfires that have emerged from burning coal seams across all 4 counties and 2 tribal nations. Today we must start taking action to protect the lives, property, and natural resources of Montana from this plaguing issue that progressively gets worse every year.

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Dear Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Reviewers,

The Montana Forest Owners Association is an advocacy group that supports family forest owners. Whether you own 15 acres or 15,000+ acres the changing climate that increases the threat of wildfire, insect or disease outbreaks, severe drought or flooding are a serious concern.

We strongly support the role of forests and wood products as carbon capture and storage systems. To keep forests resistant and resilient they need to be managed, to reduce the density of the forest and reduce the woody debris through harvests and prescribed burns. A healthy forest requires regular treatment to sustain its growth. The IPCC reports have consistently recognized the important role of forests and wood products as critical to solving climate change.

Using biomass for energy production rather than open burning of slash piles is beneficial by reducing particulate matter pollution (black soot – a climate driver), methane from incomplete combustion and other unhealthy air pollutants. In addition, the energy offsets the use of fossil fuels that release fossil carbon. Sustainable forest management assures new forest growth is continually absorbing carbon, including the carbon released by burning the slash.

Reforestation of forests after disturbances is crucial to maintaining forests as forest and ensuring their function as natural carbon capture and storage, while also providing important biologically diverse habitats. Urban forests are essential to help reduce energy needs by reducing the heat island effect and demand for heating and cooling in the built environment. Research shows that green space improves human health, creates a calming effect on the population thus reducing violence and crime. Therefore, increasing tree cover in cities and towns is vital to climate change but also other aspects of society.

It is important to accomplish this landscape scale treatment across multiple ownerships to create the diversity of conditions that will reduce the mortality in the forest from wildfires, insects and diseases. The combination of activities planned by this grant proposal are crucial to addressing work at scale identified by the Montana DNRC's Forest Action Plan. The plan geographically identifies areas of risk that can benefit from these treatments, thus assuring the funding can be targeted efficiently and effectively.

We heartily endorse this proposal!

David C. Atkins

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President, MFOA



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March 29th, 2024

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Re: Support for Montana Climate Pollution Reduction Priorities – Supporting healthy communities through innovative Montana-made solutions.

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), I am writing to extend support for the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) and Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) application for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG). The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) supports and represents Montana's conservation districts (CDs). Led by locally elected boards of supervisors and supported by staff, CDs are Montana's legislatively mandated, local soil and water conservation authority. MACD and our member districts have strong partnerships with DNRC, MDA, and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The funding through this grant will significantly advance efforts across the state to implement innovative, Montana-made solutions to the changing climate.

MACD and Montana's conservation districts will support our agency partners by participating in outreach and engagement to recruit program participants. Conservation district staff and elected supervisors have deep roots in their communities, connections with producers, and in many cases are producers themselves. Many of our districts also have programs, networks, and technical expertise in areas such as: grazing management, soil conservation, wetland and floodplain restoration, water quality, forest management, fuels reduction, and post-fire restoration. Furthermore, MACD co-hosts the annual Soil Health Symposium, which draws hundreds of producers from around Montana and nearby states. The Soil Health Symposium represents a prime opportunity to highlight CPRG-funded projects and directly connect with producers and partner organizations.

Fortunately, Montana is already home to innovative producers motivated to engage in new approaches, projects, and demonstrations. Increasing interest in areas such as regenerative agriculture illustrates Montana's readiness to positively contribute to natural solutions to managing global emissions.

MACD believes the measures outlined in the CPRG application from DNRC and MDA will enable innovative Montana-made solutions, support our communities, and result in meaningful decreases in emissions. MACD fully supports this proposal and we thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Boslough-King
Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts