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Environmental Quality Council (EQC)
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EQC & Joe Kolman:

The Beaverhead County Commissioners are pleased that Governor Steve Bullock has identified three landscapes totaling 214,028 acres in our area.

The Commissioners believe this will have a positive impact on the overall forest health in the North, West, and South Big Hole.

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group (BDWG) has been striving toward collaborative decisions in selecting these priority areas and applying the methods in the 2014 Farm Bill for treatments.

The Commissioners are hopeful specific areas and treatments will be identified in the near future. Step one of the process is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Thomas Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Thomas Rice
Chairman
Beaverhead County Commissioners

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C: Karen Dibari
Dave Schultz