



Sharon Rose
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
3201 Spurgin Rd.
Missoula, MT 59804

January 5, 2018

RE: Support for proposed Buxbaum-Boulder Creek Ranch Conservation Easement

Dear Ms. Rose,

Hellgate Hunters and Anglers, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club and the Montana Wildlife Federation represent hunters and anglers across the state of Montana. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Buxbaum- Boulder Creek Ranch conservation easement located in Granite County.

We are pleased to support this conservation easement as it will protect diverse wildlife habitat including important winter range for big game, native grasslands, forested draws, pocket wetlands, and aspen stands. We are also pleased that the easement will secure public hunting access in perpetuity on 1,193 acres that are also adjacent to other public lands. We fully support the department accepting the administering of public access hunting rights on a portion of the easement.

Many of our respective organizations' members hunt in the areas adjacent to the proposed easement. Securing new public hunting access will open new sporting opportunities and access to the adjacent USFS lands for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed easement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Shaw".

Adam Shaw, President
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Chadwick".

Dave Chadwick, Executive Director
Montana Wildlife Federation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garrett Ouldhouse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "G" and "O".

Garrett Ouldhouse, President
Anaconda Sportsmen's Club