

9 January 2019

Natural Resource Damage Program

P.O. Box 201425
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RE: Graveley-Warm Springs Conservation Easements Purchase

To whom it may concern,

The Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) is Montana's oldest wildlife conservation organization. We were formed in 1936 when a diverse group of Montana saw a need to speak up for wildlife. For over eight decades we have worked to ensure abundant wildlife, healthy habitat on public and private lands, and public access to enjoy our public fish and wildlife resources

MWF strongly supports purchase of the 8,200 acres that comprise the Graveley-Warm Springs Conservation Easements. These easements would provide Montanans with improved public access and would improve wildlife habitat and security. These easements provide crucial habitat connectivity, something healthy wildlife desperately needs. As time progresses, projects, such as this, will become increasingly rare and MWF feels that we should strike while the proverbial fire is hot.

MWF commends the commitment of all those who have labored to make this project a reality. We understand the tremendous work and patience that goes into putting together a land deal. That's why we fully support the completion of this project that will have lasting benefits for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Marcus Strange
Central Montana Field Representative
Montana Wildlife Federation