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Reference: Miller Ranch Ruby Rechannelization Project

Water Quality Bureau, DEQ

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The purpose of this letter is to document the support that The Lewis & Clark Chapter of Montana’s Trout Unlimited is providing for the Miller Ranch Ruby Rechannelization project near Alder, Montana.

The result of this project will be a net improvement in the structure of the Ruby River, and therefore an improvement in fish habitat in that stretch of the river. This project affects a significant length of the Ruby river, one of the “home waters” of our Trout Unlimited chapter.

We have demonstrated our support by applying for and obtaining a grant from the State offices of Trout Unlimited. This grant required a majority vote of the State Council which is comprised not only of State officers, but also the voting members of each chapter throughout the state. In this way, support for the project is demonstrated not only at the local chapter level but also through the support of the State Council of Montana’s Trout Unlimited.

It is our sincere wish to see this project completed in a timely fashion so that the river can begin to heal as soon as possible.

Please contact us should you have any questions regarding our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

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