To whom it may concern:

I would like to express our support for the Upper Clark Fork Tributary Restoration Project on Peterson Creek in the Deer Lodge Valley. I, Joey Cramer lease state sections 6 and 36 in the project are and own a potion of the surrounding land adjacent to these sections. We have agreed to install riparian fencing and off site water on these state lease lands to help restore riparian habitat in Peterson Creek and implement best grazing management. In addition, we will include our surrounding land into a deferred grazing system to incorporate these sections into our overall grazing management plan on our ranch. We look forward to working with the Watershed Restoration Coalition and the DNRC on this project. Thank you again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Joie A Kosmer

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To whom it may concern 11-19-09

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is working in cooperation with the Upper Clark Fork Watershed Restoration Committee (WRC), our grazing lessee's and adjacent landowners to improve riparian vegetation health and water quality in the Peterson Creek drainage. This stream is located southeast of Deer Lodge Montana, is tributary to the Clark Fork River and provides important fisheries in this area.

To improve water quality I feel it is critical we obtain better livestock control by installing barriers to prevent their congregating in the stream bottom and incentives to water and graze away from riparian areas. Installation of the fencing identified in the attached grant request is just the beginning of this project. If this grant is approved, our lessees will be changing historical grazing patterns to encourage decreaser grasses and provide seasonal rest in riparian areas. In addition our plans include development of off-stream stock water for improved distribution along with biological and chemical control of noxious weed to facilitate improved native range health. Maintenance of these improvements will be the responsibility of DRNC's grazing lessees.

As the Anaconda Unit Manager for DNRC, I support this project and its goals. The fact that this is a cooperative effort across private and public property lines helps improve the effectiveness of the project and its potential for success.

If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact me at 406-563-6078. Thanks for your time in evaluating this proposal.

Sincerely

Fred E. Staedler Jr.
Montana DNRC Anaconda Unit Manager
7916 Highway 1 West
Anaconda Montana 59711

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express our support for the Upper Clark Fork Tributary Restoration Project on Peterson Creek in the Deer Lodge Valley. The Vanisko Ranch leases state section 16 in the project are and own a potion of the surrounding land adjacent to these sections. We have agreed to install riparian fencing and off site water on this state lease lands to help restore riparian habitat in Peterson Creek and implement best grazing management. If off site water unavailable, we will install water gaps in strategic locations to provide livestock appropriate water access and ensure that the riparian area is protected. [redacted]. We look forward to working with the Watershed Restoration Coalition and the DNRC on this project. Thank you again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Jim Berg

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For Renee Myers - Jeff

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Dear Rob:

The Clark Fork Coalition is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Watershed Restoration Coalition's (WRC) 319 grant proposal: "Upper Clark Fork Tributary Restoration." We will work closely as a partner to WRC on various tasks within the project scope, including tributary assessment, project effectiveness monitoring, outreach and education and project management.

Will McDowell, the Coalition's Stream Restoration Director, will be involved in technical and management aspects of the project, and Bryce Andrews, our Ranchlands Program Manager based at Dry Cottonwood Ranch in Deer Lodge, will be involved in supporting the outreach and education tasks.

Please know that this project is a high priority for the Clark Fork Coalition and we are committed to doing everything necessary to assure its success.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Will McDowell
Stream Restoration Director
Clark Fork Coalition
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Missoula, MT 59807
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406-396-7716 cell

cc: Renee Myers, WRC; Karen Knudsen, Executive Director, CFC