V. Supporting Documents

A. Project Milestone Table

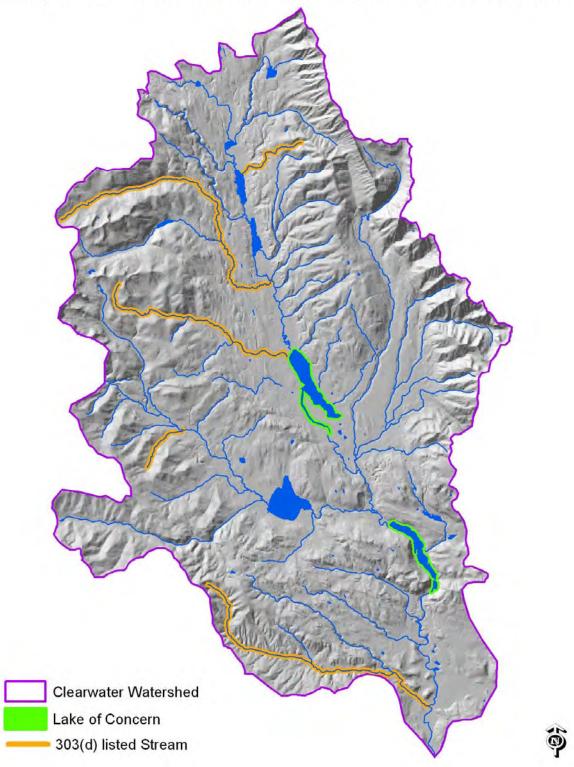
Goal	2009	2010	2011
Goal 1 - Coordinate development of a watershed planning group and watershed restoration			
plan.			
Task 1 - Build partnerships and begin the planning process.	X	X	
Task 2 - Characterize the watershed.		X	X
Task 3 - Set implementation goals and identify potential solutions and priorities.		X	X
Task 4 - Prepare the WRP document.		X	X
Goal 2 - Determine the current status and trends in lake conditions.			
Task 4 - Determine lake water quality, trophic status, and potential loading sources.	X	X	X
Goal 3 - Engage and educate the local community regarding water quality issues.			
Task 5 - Maintain the Adopt-A-Lake community monitoring program.	X	X	X
Task 6 - Publish articles in the local newspaper, CRC newsletter, and other appropriate	X	X	X
outlets.			
Task 7 - Hold workshops and public meetings.	X	X	X
Goal 4 - Administer the project and report results.			
Task 8 - Administration and Reporting	X	X	X

B. Project Budget Table

	2009	2010	2011	COSTS	319 Funds	Match
Goal 1:						
Task 1: Build partnerships and begin planning						
process	\$1,806	\$3,612	\$0	\$5,418	\$1,137	\$4,281
Task 2: Characterize the watershed	\$0	\$12,642	\$6,321	\$18,963	\$3,979	\$14,984
Task 3: Set goals and identify potential						
solutions and priorities	\$0	\$10,836	\$5,418	\$16,254	\$3,410	\$12,844
Task 4: Prepare the WRP document	\$0	\$6,772.50	\$6,772.50	\$13,545	\$2,842	\$10,703
Goal 2:						
Task 5: Determine lake water quality, trophic						
status, and potential loading sources.	\$6,851	\$13,702	\$6,851	\$27,404	\$16,442	\$10,962
Goal 3:						
Task 6: Expand Adopt-A-Lake community						
monitoring program	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Task 7: Publish articles	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$400	\$0	\$400
Task 8: Hold a workshop and public meetings	\$375	\$750	\$375	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$500
Goal 4:						
Task 9: Administration and Reporting	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$1,983	\$1,190	\$793
TOTAL BUDGET				\$89,467	\$30,000	\$59,467

C. Project Map

303(d) Listed Streams and Lakes of Concern in the Clearwater Watershed



D. Letters of Support

POUT

BIG BLACKFOOT CHAPTER

TROUT

October 17, 2008

Megan Birzell Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Dear Megan,

The Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited is writing to express our support for the Clearwater Resource Council proposal for 319 funding to implement the recommendations in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL—which calls for further monitoring on Seeley and Salmon Lakes and 303(d)-listed streams (Richmond, Deer, Buck and Blanchard Creeks and the West Fork of the Clearwater River) as well as on other streams in the area.

The Big Blackfoot Chapter of TU was established in 1987 and has since coordinated efforts with many different partners to restore and protect the Blackfoot River and its many important tributaries. To date, we have worked with over 200 landowners on 600 different projects ranging from instream restoration, riparian revegetation, road crossing improvements, grazing management, water leases and fish screens.

The 303(d)-listed streams, as well as Seeley and Salmon lakes, are crucial habitat for westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout. Your project will enable those of us who work in the watershed to better understand the conditions in these bodies of water. Further, the monitoring work you propose will help us all to establish a course of action to bring the streams back to fully-functioning and to ensure that the lakes remain fully functioning.

Furthermore, we support and encourage the development of a Watershed Restoration Plan for the Clearwater basin. A coordinated plan will allow all stakeholders to effectively and efficiently manage the watershed. It will also serve as a good complement to the Restoration Action Plan that has been established for the main Blackfoot watershed.

We can commit to participating in your watershed planning group. Ryen Aasheim, our Project Manager, will be part of the group and can provide input about project development, contractor assistance, fundraising opportunities and project oversight.

Sincerely,

Juanita Vero

President, Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited

October 17, 2008

Megan Birzell Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Dear Megan,

The Seeley Lake Community Council is writing to express our support for the Clearwater Resource Council proposal for 319 funding to implement the recommendations in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL—which calls for further monitoring on Seeley and Salmon Lakes and 303(d)-listed streams (Richmond, Deer, Buck and Blanchard Creeks and the West Fork of the Clearwater River) as well as on other streams in the area.

These streams and lakes are key to our local economy and rural lifestyle. Seeley Lake attracts visitors from in-state and out-of-state largely because our valley provides ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and boating, in a pristine setting.

Your project will enable all stakeholders to better understand the conditions of our streams and lakes. The monitoring you propose will help us all to establish a course of action to bring impaired streams back to fully-functioning and to ensure that the lakes remain fully functioning.

Furthermore, we support and encourage the establishment of a Watershed Planning Group and the development of a Watershed Restoration Plan for the Clearwater basin. A coordinated plan will allow all stakeholders to effectively and efficiently manage the watershed and to ensure that our valley maintains high water quality.

Sincerely,

Diane Weatherman Vice Chair Seeley Lake Community Council



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> PHONE: (406) 258-4877 FAX: (406) 721-4043

BCC 2008-261 November 10, 2008

Robert Ray
Watershed Protection Section
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Mr. Ray:

We are writing this letter in support of the 319 Grant proposal that is being submitted by the Clearwater Resource Council (CRC) for researching, monitoring and improving water quality in the Clearwater watershed portion of the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL.

Funds provided from the TMDL Implementation grant will help CRC work toward water quality improvements in the watershed during 2009-2012 by:

- Consolidating and synthesizing existing information on water quality within the watershed and helping determine current status and trends in lake conditions
- Conducting strategic monitoring of lakes within the watershed, with guidance from DEQ, using citizen volunteers
- Coordinating the development of a watershed protection plan, with support and input from multiple stakeholders within the watershed and in adjacent watersheds
- > Engaging and educating the community about water quality issues

Missoula County has worked with the Clearwater Resource Council in land use planning within the Clearwater watershed. The Land Use Committee of the CRC helped guide the development of a landscape assessment of the Clearwater valley. This document is currently being used to guide the preparation of a land use plan, in cooperation with the County's Rural Initiatives office.

The Clearwater drainage is facing many important changes, including a growing human population and a major shift in land ownership in the drainage. The involvement of the community and CRC in land use planning for the drainage has demonstrated to the County a keen interest in planning for resource protection in the future. We support this grant proposal which would allow for the creation of a Watershed Protection Plan for the Clearwater Watershed.

We encourage you to look favorably on the Clearwater Resource Council grant request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office or our Rural Initiatives staff at (406) 258-3432.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jean Curtiss, Chair

Bill Carey, Commissioner

NOT AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Larry Anderson, Commissioner

BCC/ppr

Pat O'Herren, Rural Initiatives
Clearwater Resource Council

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, GOVERNOR

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Montana DNRC Southwestern Land Office 2705 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804

October 23, 2008

Bruce Reiman Clearwater Resource Council Board

Dear Bruce,

I would to thank you for the opportunity to have DNRC provide specialist support to the Clearwater Resource Council Technical Advisory Group. Jim Bower, Fish Biologist with DNRC Trust Land Management, is happy to provide that technical support to your advisory group on behalf of the agency. Jim has committed to allocate time for 4 day-long meetings per year for at least two years and to provide the Technical Advisory Group with DNRC data that can assist in overall Clearwater Resource Council objectives.

We have reviewed the proposed goals and objectives in the draft 319 grant proposal sent to Jim on October 6. We feel that the proposed goals and objectives are notable and consistent with the adaptive management efforts we strive for in our land stewardship throughout Montana.

We look forward to providing technical assistance to your group and being a partner in future conservation efforts in the Clearwater River drainage.

Sincerely,

Tony Liane

Area Manager, Southwestern Land Office

Cc: Megan Birzell, Clearwater Resource Council



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October 22, 2008

Rob Rung Water Quality Planning Bureau Montana Department of Environmental Quality 1520 E. Sixth Avenue P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Rob:

This letter is written is support of the Clearwater Resource Council's (CRC) application for 319 Funds in the Clearwater River drainage of west-central Montana in response to the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL. Over the past few months, CRC has developed a proposal with 5 defined objectives for monitoring, watershed planning, community education and project administration/reporting. Most importantly, the proposal addresses three key aspects: (1) monitoring and assessment of lake water quality, (2) evaluation of limiting factors in tributary networks, and (3) public education. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) supports this effort and will continue to contribute in a technical advisory and resource management role.

This proposal is an important component of watershed improvement plans and deserves strong consideration for funding for a number of reasons. First, the Clearwater watershed is a unique, relatively intact complex of lakes and coldwater streams with high aquatic and terrestrial wildlife value. Second, the Clearwater drainage is a focus area for natural resource protection (e.g., Montana Legacy Project), despite high development pressure. Third, CRC is a committed group with strong leadership and expectations of on-the-ground improvements.

As part of this effort, MFWP is will contribute staff time (Ladd Knotek 4-5 days per year), use of a boat and motor for lake monitoring, and exchange of existing current data collected over the past three years. We plan to continue monitoring fish populations, compliance with stream and lakeshore protection laws, and various aspects of lake and stream aquatic habitat quality (e.g., turbidity in Seeley lake outlet arm and basin-wide stream temperature monitoring). We also plan to implement several fisheries enhancement projects in 2009-2010 at Rainy Dam, Emily-A Dam and diversions on Morrell Creek. The proposed project would complement these efforts and help ensure coordination among conservation organizations.

Please give this proposal strong consideration and feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ladd Knotek Fisheries Biologist



Montana Department of Transportation

Jim Lynch, Director Brian Schweitzer, Governor

December 18, 2008

2701 Prospect Avenue PO Box 201001 Helena MT 59620-1001

Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Dear Clearwater Resource Council,

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is writing to express our support for the Clearwater Resource Council's (CRC) proposal for 319 funding to develop a watershed restoration plan (WRP) that will involve a coordinated effort of all parties. As part of this project, CRC will provide coordination for the continuing ITEEM project in the Clearwater Valley. A coordinated WRP will allow all stakeholders to effectively and efficiently manage the watershed.

The ITEEM MT 83 pilot study applies the Integrated Transportation and Ecological Enhancements for Montana (ITEEM) process to the Highway 83 corridor in the Clearwater and Swan Valleys, with specific focus on a 15 mile stretch running north from the town of Seeley Lake. Through this study, the participating agencies are evaluating large-scale conservation/restoration projects within the greater Swan, Clearwater, and Blackfoot watersheds. The WRP to be developed through your proposal will help us identify high-priority conservation/restoration projects for this Watershed. This will benefit all of the ITEEM partners involved in this Watershed (MDT, U.S. Forest Service, Federal Highway Administration, Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers, Missoula County Rural Initiatives, Seeley Lake Community Council, and CRC).

We support and encourage the development of a watershed planning group as a means to engage all stakeholders in the Clearwater basin in the development of the WRP. The ITEEM pilot study has already brought many of the stakeholders together to identify restoration projects, and your coordination of this process will allow us to focus our funding for future efforts to accomplish on-the-ground priority conservation/restoration projects.

We are committed to participating in the watershed planning group as a part of the ITEEM study and as a stakeholder in the Clearwater Watershed.

Sincerely,

Deb Wambach

MT 83 ITEEM Project Manager

Montana Department of Transportation

October 24, 2008

Megan Birzell Project and Development Administrator Clearwater Resource Council

TO: Megan Birzell

RE: Letter of Support for Clearwater Resource Council 319 Proposal

On behalf of the Montana Wilderness Association, I would like to express my full support for the 319 proposal from the Clearwater Resource Council.

The Clearwater River basin is known as a marquee watershed for wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and commercial timber in Montana. For these reasons, the basin has been well-used over the years and it will be a challenge for management agencies and local communities to restore and maintain healthy streams and forests in years to come. Since 2003, the Clearwater Resource Council has been committed to building healthy relationships between local communities and the surrounding environment, but additional resources are required in order for CRC to deepen this commitment.

There is currently a great need for more information on the water quality and trophic status of Seeley and Salmon Lakes, as well as a number of contributing streams. The collection, organization, and utilization of this data for the creation of a watershed restoration plan necessitates the formation of a watershed planning group. A primary focus of the CRC proposal is the formation of a watershed planning group and it is for this reason, more than any other, that CRC has the support of the Montana Wilderness Association. No amount of research can make a difference on the ground unless local communities are involved in the requisite efforts to apply this research. The formation of a watershed group is a good strategy for cultivating this involvement.

For these reasons, and others, the 319 proposal submitted by the CRC meets my expectations of a plan worthy of funding.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Furshong Wilderness Campaign Director

Montana Wilderness Association Rocky Mountain Front Field Office PO Box 37 - 17 3rd St. NE Choteau, MT 59422



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Officers of the Corporation:

Rod Ash, chairman October 10, 2008

Neil Meyer, vice chairman

Megan Birzell Rnss Abolt, treasurer

Clearwater Resource Council Anne Dahl, president Seeley Lake, MT 59868 secretary

Dear Megan: Board of Directors:

Russ Abolt This letter is in support of the Clearwater Resource Council proposal for 319 funding to implement the recommendations in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL—which Rod Ash calls for further monitoring on Seeley and Salmon Lakes and 303(d)-listed streams Steve Ellis (Richmond, Deer, Buck and Blanchard Creeks and the West Fork of the Clearwater Carol Field

River) as well as on other streams in the area.

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Furthermore, we support and encourage development of a Watershed Restoration Plan Pam Hamilton for the Clearwater basin. We look forward to coordinating efforts with you as we Neil Meyer develop a WRP for the Swan watershed. As neighboring watersheds, we have much in Bill Moore common. It is in the best interest of both that we work in concert to share resources and create plans that acknowledge water quality issues across the Swan-Clearwater Divide. Stan Nicholson

Tom Parker I can commit to participating on your WRP committee.

Gene Tingle

Thank you. Advisory Board

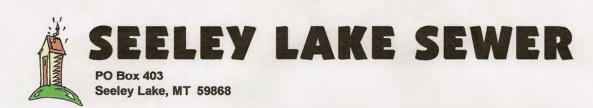
Sincerely, Lex Blood

andist Jim Burchfield Bob Cushman

Anne Dahl, president Chuck Harris

C.P. Rowlands Betsy Spettigue

Many Valued



October 17, 2008

Megan Birzell Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Dear Megan,

The Seeley Lake Sewer Board is writing to express our support for the Clearwater Resource Council proposal for 319 funding to implement the recommendations in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL—which calls for further monitoring on Seeley and Salmon Lakes and 303(d)-listed streams (Richmond, Deer, Buck and Blanchard Creeks and the West Fork of the Clearwater River) as well as on other streams in the area.

The Sewer Board is currently working to bring a sewer system to the downtown area of Seeley Lake. The Butte School of Mines study from the 1990's showed the groundwater flow pattern and some degradation, though most of the runoff bypasses Seeley Lake. But to build a history of water quality as a follow up of this study, the Sewer Board is committed to continue testing of the groundwater and the lower lake area. These results may be of some help to your project, limited as they are.

Your project will be of utmost importance in our endeavor to fully understand what is happening in the lake and could influence our ability to obtain funding for a sewer system.

Furthermore, we support and encourage the establishment of a Watershed Planning Group and the development of a Watershed Restoration Plan for the Clearwater basin. As the valley experiences more development, it is crucial that we develop a plan to effectively and efficiently manage the watershed and to ensure that our valley maintains high water quality.

Our Project Manager, Ralph Kloser, can commit to participating in the Watershed Planning Group.

Sincerely,

Glen Morin Chair

Seeley Lake Sewer Board



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October 23, 2008

Megan Birzell
Project and Development Administrator
Clearwater Resource Council
PO Box 1471
Seeley Lake, MT 59868

RE: Letter of support for Clearwater Resource Council's 319 proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express The Nature Conservancy's support of the Clearwater Resource Council's 319 grant proposal to Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Since 2004, the Conservancy has been actively involved, via the Blackfoot Challenge, in TMDL assessments and associated restoration efforts throughout the Blackfoot watershed. We have committed personnel and a vehicle to field assessments and meetings in the past. We are looking forward to assisting CRC in continuing those efforts in the Clearwater drainage.

The Conservancy is a major land-owner in the Blackfoot watershed, currently holding title to 47,000 acres throughout the valley. Over the next three years, the Conservancy will be purchasing tens of thousands of acres of corporate timberland in the Clearwater drainage. We recognize that some of these lands have a legacy of TMDL impairments; we plan to be a part of the solution to correct those impairments.

The Conservancy will commit a minimum of eight person-days over the next two years to attend and participate in CRC-led watershed planning group meetings. Also, the Conservancy will commit to a minimum of 6 person-days over the next two years for field assessment efforts. The Conservancy will also provide a four-wheel-drive vehicle for use during field days.

We thank you for your consideration of the Clearwater Resource Council's 319 proposal.

Sincerely,

Steven Kloetzel

Blackfoot Land Steward

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Montana Legacy Project Land Manager





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Megan Birzell Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Subject: Watershed planning for Clearwater River

Dear Megan:

Thank you for providing information on the proposed creation of a water-field planning group for the Clearwater River drainage. I think this is an important step toward integrated land management and enhancement of water quality within the watershed. As you are aware. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is partnering with The Nature Conservancy to acquire approximately 32,500 acres of land within the watershed (currently owned by Plum Creek). Although the partnership will not own these lands in perpetuity, we will assume ownership and management responsibilities for a period of time.

The proposed 319 Grant should provide an opportunity to implement some of the tasks identified in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL, which includes the Clearwater River. I understand that objectives included within the grant proposal include water quality manitoring, public outreach, formation of a watershed plauning group, and the development of a watershed restoration plan. TPL strongly supports this effort.

I understand that our initial participation in the watershed planning group will require at least quarterly meetings over the grant period of two years. This can be accommodated as part of our land management activities and as part of our commitment to resource conservation within the watershed and beyond. I estimate that our in-kind contribution for this level of participation will include approximately \$3,500 of staff time and approximately \$600 in travel expenses. Additional support may be available, depending upon specific activities. If you have any questions or wish to further discuss our participation, please contact me.

Thanks again for the opportunity to participate in this effort. As a landowner with an interest in maintaining and restoring natural resource values within the watershed, we look forward to working in this collaborative framework to further identify, evaluate, and address the water quality issues of the watershed.

Sincerely,

Robert Rasmussen Field Representative

cc: Bruce Rieman



October 23, 2008

Megan Birzell Clearwater Resource Council PO Box 1471 Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Dear Megan,

The Wilderness Society strongly supports the Clearwater Resource Council's proposal for 319 funding to implement the recommendations in the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek TMDL—which calls for further monitoring on Seeley and Salmon Lakes and 303(d)-listed streams (Richmond, Deer, Buck and Blanchard Creeks and the West Fork of the Clearwater River) as well as on other streams in the area.

Watershed restoration is one of The Wilderness Society's major areas of emphasis within our national stewardship and restoration program and the Blackfoot-Clearwater region is one of our highest priority landscapes for ecological restoration. As you know, we are actively engaged in a wide array of collaborative conservation efforts in the Blackfoot-Clearwater and we strongly support an active research program emphasizing citizen science and its role in ecological restoration.

We believe the streams and lakes in the Clearwater Valley are key indicators of the health of this important watershed and we hope that your project will enable all stakeholders to better understand the conditions of these streams and lakes, which will in turn give us a greater understanding of the condition of the overall watershed. The monitoring you propose will help all stakeholders to establish a course of action to bring impaired water bodies back to fully-functioning and to ensure that the watershed maintains its high ecological values.

Furthermore, we support and encourage the establishment of a Watershed Planning Group and the development of a Watershed Restoration Plan for the Clearwater basin and will participate to the extent practicable. A coordinated plan will allow all stakeholders to effectively and efficiently manage the watershed and to ensure that the Clearwater valley maintains high water quality.

Sincerely.

Scott Brennan, Director

Northern Rockies Forest Program

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File Code: 1500

Date: October 27, 2008

Clearwater Resource Council Board PO Box 717 Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Dear Clearwater Resource Council Board Members,

Please find this letter in support of your efforts to continue water quality and watershed planning studies within the Clearwater River watershed. The Lolo National Forest, Seeley Lake Ranger District, fully recognizes the need to further study and clarify issues described within the Middle Blackfoot TMDL. We value that your organization has the ability to coordinate and complete these assessments across ownerships and other administrative boundaries. We find it very important to have these studies conducted across all ownerships. Thus, through corroborative efforts we will be able to work on the highest priority restoration objectives throughout the watershed.

In particular, we are further supportive of the goals that you have identified within your application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. We will continue to help support your efforts and goals through providing technical expertise through our experienced staff. Please plan on the use on my staff to participate in shaping and developing watershed studies within the Clearwater watershed and the development of partnerships to implement on the ground projects.

It is our pleasure to support your efforts within our watershed. Should you need further assistance please don't hesitate to contact Shane Hendrickson (shendrickson@fs.fed.us) of my staff.

Caring for the Land and Serving People

Sincerely

District Ranger



