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Honorable Steve Bullock  
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Honorable Steve Bullock:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your vision and foresight in creating the Montana "Forests in Focus" initiative and your generosity in partnering with the Bitterroot National Forest on the West Side Forest Health Project.

We feel extremely fortunate here on the Bitterroot to receive \$135,000 toward analysis and implementation of the West Side Project. Our employees and collaboratives have been bolstered and empowered by this investment, and we are excited about the positive benefits this project will produce on the landscape.

I am interested in how best to share progress with you and keep you posted as this project moves forward. I will be working through our Regional Office and Mo Bookwalter to have up to date information available, and to be responsive and transparent with the State investment. If there is anything we can do to further your understanding of the project and our goals/timeline please let me know. I am proud to be part of the "Forests in Focus" and I look forward to working with you and your staff. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
JULIE K. KING  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Bob Harrington – Montana State Forester  
Mo Bookwalter – Liason, Regional Office  
Jane Darnell – Deputy Regional Forester

