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Restoration Partnership
424 Sherman Avenue, Suite 306
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Re: Support for the Prichard Creek Restoration Project and Conservation Easement

Dear Council Trustees,

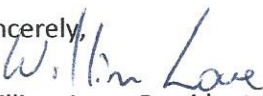
The Idaho Panhandle Chapter of Trout Unlimited supports the efforts of Idaho Forest Group to implement restoration projects and place their lands located along Prichard Creek into a conservation easement.

For 60 years the mission of Trout Unlimited has been to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold water fisheries and their habitats. While most of our members are anglers, Trout Unlimited is first, and foremost, a conservation organization rather than a fishing club. The Idaho Panhandle Chapter represents over 300 members residing primarily in Bonner, Boundary and Kootenai Counties. Many of us consider the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River as our home river. As such, we are dedicated to enhancing the fishery resource throughout this watershed.

We applaud the long-term vision and stewardship commitment of Idaho Forest Group to restore water quality, aquatic and riparian habitat in Prichard Creek resulting from the impacts of historic mining activities. Furthermore, we commend their desire to protect the property from subdivision, development and future mining by placing it into a conservation easement. We believe that combining the resources, both financial and technical, of the Resource Partnership and the Forest Legacy Program offer an excellent opportunity to restore and protect the beneficial uses of Prichard Creek.

The Panhandle Chapter of Trout Unlimited wishes Idaho Forest Group well as they embark on this project. Moreover, we look forward to offering volunteer and technical support as they begin implementing restoration projects in Prichard Creek.

Sincerely,



William Love, President

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Cc: Erin Plue, Community Outreach, Idaho Forest Group