



July 28, 2008

Senator Max Baucus  
1821 South Ave W #209  
Missoula, MT 59801

Dear Senator Baucus,

On behalf of the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, we are writing in support of the collaborative efforts of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Partnership and we are requesting our Montana Congressional delegation to become a sponsor of the proposed drafted federal legislation to implement its proposal.

The Missoula Chamber commends this important Partnership and believes that this Partnership will provide a sustainable timber supply for a vital industry in the Montana economy while focusing on environmentally sensitive stewardship logging that will help reduce pine beetle infestation and wildfire threat. We believe this Partnership creates a balanced and common sense compromise for managing Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

The Missoula Chamber thanks you for your consideration on this important proposed legislation and we hope that with your support this proposed legislation will demonstrate what is possible when differences are set aside and everyone has a say in managing public lands.

Sincerely,  
Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce

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Chad Bauer

Chairman of the Board

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Kim Latrielle

President/CEO

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Neal Marxer

Chairman Business Affairs