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TO: Greg Chilcott

**Please save the Date!** You will soon be receiving an invitation to attend an evening reception with Governor Bullock and the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) in **Helena, Montana on March 12, 2019.**

Governor Bullock recently announced his Forests in Focus 2.0 Initiative in September 2018. This initiative employs a variety of approaches to promote sustainable forest management on all lands in Montana. Among these is the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), a provision of the 2014 Farm Bill which enables the US Forest Service to enter into agreements with state agencies to accomplish restoration needs. These agreements allow flexibility in combining federal, state and third-party resources to plan and implement watershed, forest and grassland management and restoration projects on federal land.

GNA is a vital tool in our shared mission to address some of the most pressing needs in conserving Montana's forests. Permissible projects under GNA include fish and wildlife habitat restoration, watershed protection and restoration, forest health improvement, wildfire risk reduction, water quality improvement, and NEPA planning and analysis.

Due to decades of fire suppression and past management activities, Montana's forests are increasingly in need of restoration. GNA offers a way for state and federal land managers, local and tribal governments, and other stakeholders to work together across ownership boundaries to implement restoration, improve forest health and resiliency, reduce threats from uncharacteristically large and destructive wildfires, and create economic benefits.

The State of Montana needs your help in starting up this program. Montana DNRC is working to raise a combined total of at least \$150,000/year for the next 3 years from conservation and business partners to implement this effort. This amount, along with contributions from our federal and forest products industry partners will help DNRC put positions and operations in place to create a long-term sustainable program. Funds will contribute to restoration and fuels reduction on 5,000 acres per year for three years. After the initial three-year start-up, the program is designed to be self-sustaining from any timber value of forest management treatments.

Thank you for your continued hard work maintaining and enhancing Montana's rich natural resources. If you see the value in this initiative and would like to contribute, please contact Tim Love (406) 210-6528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Tubbs".

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