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Nathan McLeod
Parks & Trails Development Specialist
City of Missoula
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Missoula, MT 59801

Dear Mr. McLeod:

Hellgate Hunters & Anglers is a Missoula-based rod and gun club with a mission to conserve Montana's wildlife, wild places, and our fair-chase hunting and fishing heritage. We have a membership of over 500 local hunters and anglers. To accomplish our mission, Hellgate Hunters & Anglers:

- works to protect, enhance and restore wildlife habitat;
- promotes sound, science-based management of all wildlife species and their habitat;
- educates and informs hunters, anglers and others about good, ethical hunting and fishing and the biological, cultural and spiritual values of hunting and fishing;
- ensures that future generations will experience similar, if not better, opportunities to experience wildlife, wild places, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities;
- protects and promotes the public trust, ensuring that all people, regardless of wealth or social stature, have fair, equitable access to our public lands, waterways and wildlife;
- brings together hunters, anglers and other conservationists with diverse backgrounds and interests to provide an influential voice to accomplish our mission; and
- recruits and mentors the next generation of conservation leaders

We support the Clark Fork River Restoration and Access Project as described online at www.engagemissoula.com because it well-designed to improve both river and riparian habitat for fish and wildlife as well as public access to enjoy the riverine environment over a 4-mile stretch though Missoula. The project is consistent with our mission.

Respectfully,

Walker Conyngham
President
Hellgate Hunters & Anglers