

United States Senate

May 2, 2007

Paul Babb, CEO
Commissioners
Butte-Silver Bow County
155 W. Granite
Butte, MT 59701-9256

Dear CEO Babb and Commissioners,

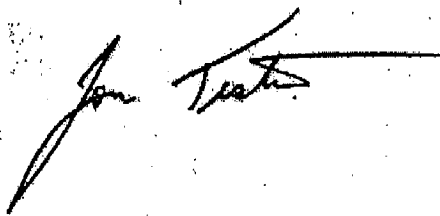
For over a year I have been following the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Partnership because of my interest in federal land policy. It has been encouraging to see a diverse group of Montanans come to the table to discuss forest use policies.

The Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Forest is large, and I believe there's enough room for timber harvest, wilderness, livestock grazing and motorized users. By working together, Montanans can come up with a solution that works for everyone.

I urge you to continue your support of the partnership's collaborative process for the sake of putting people to work in the woods, giving people access to the forest for motorized use, and protecting some of Montana's best places to hunt and fish.

Thank you for your service to Butte-Silver Bow County. As always, if I can help you in any regard, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Tester", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

U.S. Senator Jon Tester

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