

Regional Forester

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Regarding: Northeast Washington Selkirks Collaborative Forest Landscape project (NEW Selkirks)

The undersigned partners of the Colville National Forest submit this Letter of Commitment for the Northeast Washington Selkirks Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) proposal. As specified in the legislation and this proposal, my group supports the project and has been involved in proposal development and/or is committed to partnering in its implementation.

The Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition (NEWFC) is a long standing collaborative made up of conservation and timber industry members. The local forest products infrastructure is diversified and capable of using byproducts generated by the proposed CFLRP projects. The Kalispel Tribe is integrally engaged in all facets of landscape conservation in the area to serve tribal members and the local community. The County and State are partners in implementation of forest and watershed restoration projects through various authorities. The hydropower project licensees are implementing FERC license requirements in the area focused on terrestrial and aquatic habitat and population restoration, and recreation enhancement projects. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association is implementing efforts to locate and maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and is a driving force behind the repair and restoration of nearly 100 miles of wilderness and backcountry trails throughout the NEW Selkirks project area.

It is expressly understood that this CFLRP proposal does not indicate support by all parties of all facets of the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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