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Flathead County Commissioners
800 South Main
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Re: Big Fork Storm Water Project

Dear Commissioners Brenneman, Lauman and Hall:

The Flathead Basin Commission (FBC) is pleased to offer its support of Flathead County's plan to undertake engineering studies, and subsequent construction activities, to address the storm water management issues currently facing the community of Big Fork.

It is our understanding that this project, upon completion, will greatly improve water quality in Flathead Lake by reducing both sediment and nutrient loads. In order to contribute to Flathead County's efforts to proactively address non-point pollution, the FBC will contribute a minimum of \$5,000 to assist the County in financing the engineer study for the Big Fork project, which is a prerequisite in procuring grants for the construction phase of this project.

It is our hope that the Big Fork storm water management plan that is developed can be used as a model throughout the Flathead Basin, and we commend the County's efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

Rich Moy
Chair, Flathead Basin Commission