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Dear Ms. Babcock:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the **Shingle Butte Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Project** (DOI-BLM-MT-B070-2026-0003-CX).

Tri-County Firesafe Working Group (TCFSWG) has a long and cooperative working relationship with the Butte Field Office of the BLM on fuel mitigation projects, including cross-boundary projects. Our mission is to promote wildfire risk awareness and improve community wildfire safety in the tri-county area (Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties of Montana).

We support the proposal and the objectives of this project, which includes reducing fuel loads to mitigate fire severity across 400 acres along private property boundaries in the Shingle Butte area.

Following the proposed thinning activities, we encourage you to remove fuels through pile burning or prescribed burning to the extent possible. There is ample evidence that the best way to achieve fuel reduction objectives in the long term is through the use of fire. We applaud you for developing this project to manage fuels and protect values at risk in the Shingle Butte area.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Lois Olsen

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TCFSWG Board President