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Whitefish Lake Institute
Mike Koopal, Executive Director
635 Denver Street
Whitefish, MT 59937

Dear Mr. Koopal:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support to the Whitefish Lake Institute.

As ever-increasing demands are placed on the natural resources of the Whitefish area and the State of Montana, it's important to have solid, cooperative efforts in place between local groups and government agencies to promote effective resource management. Your approach of open dialogue and collaboration of all interested stakeholders is crucial to the Institute's success.

I am impressed with the depth of experience and expertise of the Institute's staff and leaders. The Institute is in good hands with these very capable individuals at the helm.

Your thoughtful research and educational efforts will serve the community of Whitefish for a long time to come. The Institute can be seen as a shining example of a local group cooperating with governmental agencies to achieve results. I am confident that future generations of Montanans will benefit from the visionary steps currently underway at the Institute.

Good luck with your efforts and please keep me posted on your progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor