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Earl Sherron, Chairman
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation
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Dear Mr. Sherron:

As we enter the 21st Century, it is comforting to know that the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation is helping to provide a means to protect Montana's most treasured natural resources. I commend you and the Board of Directors for your commitment and leadership in this all-important role.

As additional pressures mount on our Montana natural, cultural and recreational resources it is obvious traditional funding sources will not adequately fund the programs and projects that preserve and protect Montana's "Magic." Your Foundation, through individual and corporate donations, will help meet the growing needs.

I am truly impressed with your "flagship" project, the "Partners in Life" program. I had an opportunity to meet Carrie Hunt last fall and was excited hearing about her field work with bears, using her "bear shepherding" method with Karelian Bear Dogs. Because your Foundation has become the philanthropic arm for this program, I know it will be adequately funded and will help save bears in Montana.

Working together, I am confident Montanans will continue to preserve our valuable natural, cultural and recreational resources for future generations. I am committed to protect and enhance the "Magic" of Montana. I offer you my full support in accomplishing the mission of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Martz".

JUDY MARTZ
Governor