Attachment C: Landowner Support Documentation for the Greenhorn Creek Fish Migration Barrier

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- Turner Enterprises, Inc.

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Future Fisheries Grant Program Administrator,

This letter is written in support of the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks application for Future Fisheries grant funding of the Greenhorn Creek Fish Barrier Project in the Ruby River drainage.

DNRC is responsible for the management of approximately 56,000 acres of State Trust Lands in the Ruby River drainage. A major component of our land management responsibilities consists of the wise use of land and water resources for the benefit of present and future generations, including the maintenance or enhancement of native fisheries resources and long-term conservation of water resources. We feel that the proposed goals and objectives developed for this project are notable and consistent with the adaptive management efforts we strive for in our land stewardship in the Ruby River drainage and throughout Montana.

Furthermore, DNRC is a signatory to the 2007 (interagency) Memorandum of Understanding and Conservation Agreement for Westslope Cutthroat Trout and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. DNRC is an active supporter of the Agreement's goals and objectives, including other signatory's efforts that positively affect the fisheries and water resources of multiple stakeholders.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim Egan

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Unit Manager

November 17, 2011

RE: Greenhorn Fish Migration Barrier Landowner Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Turner Enterprises, Inc. is a land management organization with a mission to manage our lands in an economically sustainable and ecologically sensitive manner while promoting the conservation of native species. As such we whole-heartedly support the construction of a fish migration barrier on our Snowcrest Ranch to facilitate the conservation and restoration of native westslope cutthroat trout in Greenhorn Creek. Demonstrating our commitment to native species conservation and this project in particular we have agreed to provide up to $50,000 for barrier construction; to assist our partners with non-native fish removal; and to monitor and maintain the fish migration barrier into the future.

A strong collaborative group of public and private interests is supporting the Greenhorn Creek westslope cutthroat trout restoration project. We believe this is an important project and hope you too will support this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

With warmest regards,

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