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Bonner County Board of Commissioners

Bonner County Planning Director Jacob Gabell

Re: City of Clark Fork Area of Impact Request

Dear Board of Commissioners and Planning Director:

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-6526, "Areas of Impact," the City of Clark Fork hereby submits its formal request to the Board of County Commissioners for establishment of certain boundaries for the Clark Fork Area of Impact (AOI).

As the County is well aware, newly adopted legislation by the state of Idaho modified a number of criteria which define an AOI, including definitional changes which now state that an AOI should include only those areas which are "very likely to be annexed to the city within the next five (5) years." As a result, the Clark Fork City Council has reviewed where potential modifications to the current Area of City Impact (ACI) may be needed in order to comport with this new legislation. The City has concluded the current ACI boundary should be reduced to include only those portions of land immediately west of the city limits as shown in the attached map. Consistent with Idaho Code § 67-6526(3)(a), the City hereby submits its request to the Board of County Commissioners for an Area of Impact (AOI) boundary consistent with the attached map.

The following statements provide evidence in support the Clark Fork AOI request:

- The proposed boundary reflects a reduction of land from the currently adopted ACI.
- None of the requested land within the AOI exceeds the 2-mile limit set by the newly enacted legislation.

- The proposed boundaries are consistent with Bonner County's pending recommendations for the comprehensive plan future land use map designations of mixed use for the properties indicated on the attached map.

The City is also in receipt of the preliminary draft of the County's AOI establishment ordinance. The City recognizes that an underlying intent of the new AOI legislation is to standardize processes while ensuring that government entities can continue to collaborate on matters of growth and development which affect the citizens within their jurisdiction. A crucial component of this collaboration should include dialogue between the County and its cities regarding properties lying within an AOI boundary. To facilitate this, the City respectfully requests that any ordinance establishing an AOI within Bonner County include a requirement to notify an affected city of pending development within the area of impact, providing an opportunity for meaningful input and discourse to ensure compatibility in future land use planning decisions. To accomplish this, such ordinance language should include notification to affected cities when there are proposed county zoning and comprehensive plan amendments, subdivisions, conditional use permits, and variances. Adding this requirement to the County's forthcoming ordinance will ensure the continuation of this practice and support of said ordinance by the City of Clark Fork.

Please advise if additional mapping or AOI boundary details are needed, or if the County desires further explanation on the need for inclusion of notice language within its proposed ordinance. Otherwise, the City looks forward to working together with the County to ensure a smooth adoption process of AOI boundaries and develop an ordinance which can protect the interests of both County and City processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Schenck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

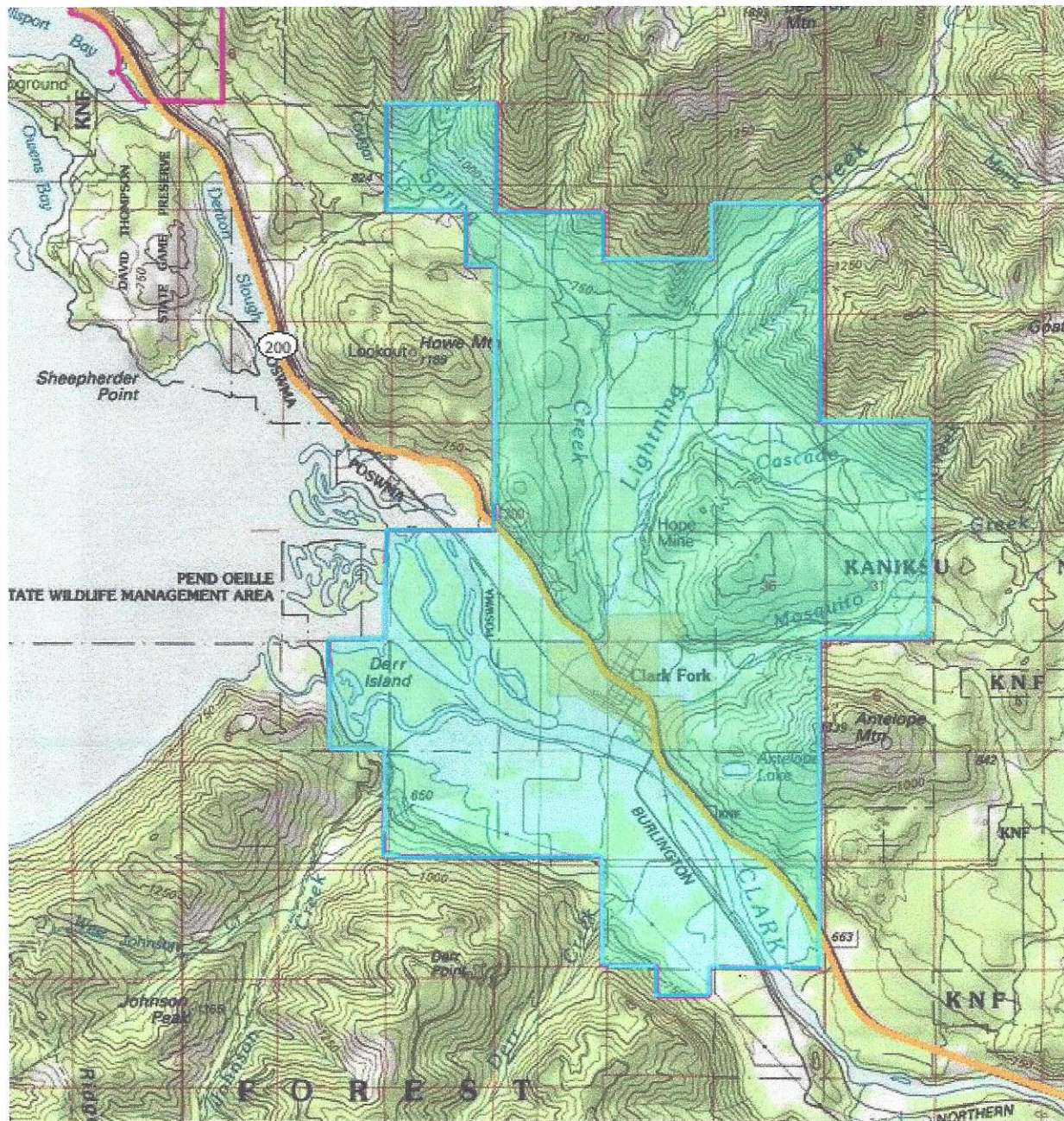
Clark Fork Mayor Russell Schenck

Attachment: City of Clark Fork Area of Impact Draft Map

c: *City Planners*
 City Attorney
 City Engineers

CLARK FORK AREA OF IMPACT REQUEST

CURRENT CITY LIMITS, WITH CURRENT AREA OF CITY IMPACT SHOWN:



PROPOSED AREA OF IMPACT FOR CITY OF CLARK FORK, SHOWN W/ MAGENTA LINE

