

To: Interested Parties

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Subject: The future of beaver management in the United States

The Beaver Institute is the right organization at the right time. Mike Callahan's proven organizational and technical leadership in the field of beaver management has shown that he is the right leader to guide a non-profit that will soon be assisting landowners, guiding research, and helping people realize the importance that beavers have in our future.

Since 2008, I have guided the Methow Beaver Project in its mission to work with landowners on beaver issues, restore beavers to places where they once occurred, document the specific watershed improvements beavers create, and share everything we learn with others. Mike and I have worked together and in tandem on these shared goals. His passion to network with all the people involved in finding beaver solutions, nationally and internationally, is admirable. He understands that solutions are better informed and better implemented when pursued with a coalition of partners.

It is this spirit that I believe will drive this new endeavor to become **THE HUB** of beaver information, training, public outreach, and financial support for worthy beaver management ideas, projects, and programs. I wholeheartedly support this exciting effort and will contribute all I am able to see it succeed.

Most Sincerely,

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