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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that the Blackfoot Challenge has been serving our communities for over 10 years! Our increased activities and visibility in the past two years seem to have raised some questions. What is the Challenge? Am I a member? How do I become a member? What do members give and receive? We would like to take this opportunity to answer those questions.

Board of Directors

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Our mission is to “*coordinate efforts to enhance, conserve, and protect the natural resources and rural lifestyle of the Blackfoot River Valley.*” We address issues and resolve conflicts through consensus and cooperative actions. If you support this philosophy, we would be proud to count you as members. We only ask that you sign and return the enclosed membership card to show your support.

Some of you already participate as a partner on one of our Committees (Weeds, Wildlife, Conservation Strategies, Drought, Education, Habitat, and BCCA). Some of you choose to attend our community meetings, workshops, events or Board meetings. Others participate in on-the-ground drought, habitat and restoration projects. We still need and welcome this participation.

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By signing up as a Member of the Blackfoot Challenge you will receive an *Annual Report* and be invited to an *Annual Members Meeting* at which you will learn about what the Challenge has done and is doing, learn about opportunities to become involved, interact with the Board of Directors and program coordinators, learn about the Board nominations process, and meet others who support the mission of the Challenge. This is our way to say welcome and to encourage members support and to encourage further community involvement.

In addition to offering membership, we are expanding our outreach by increasing our Board of Directors from 16 to 18 members. We are also changing the Board Nominations Committee to include two Board members and two Challenge members not serving on the Board.

There are lots of ways to be involved in the Blackfoot Challenge. Anyone can attend our Board and committee meetings. Most of the action takes place in work groups and committees. We also host education tours and workshops. By joining as a member and attending our annual members meeting, we hope you will decide what works best for you in supporting our mission. Check out our Website for our calendar of events at www.blackfootchallenge.org.

Executive Director

Tina Bernd-Cohen

Sincerely,

Jim Stone, Chair

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE

I support the mission of the Blackfoot Challenge to coordinate efforts to enhance, conserve, and protect the natural resources and rural lifestyle of the Blackfoot River Valley for present and future generations

- Sign me up as a member of the Blackfoot Challenge and invite me to the Annual Members Meeting.
- Please remove me from the mailing list.

Please make updates or corrections to the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

- E-Mail is preferred communication.

Signature: _____



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