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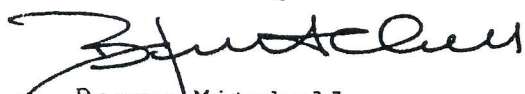
Dear Doug:

I've spent the last two days reviewing the study on the Red Deer River done by the Friends of the Red Deer, and I'm impressed with their dedication and hard work. For a group of laymen, they've done a tremendous job.

You know where I stand on the Red Deer River's potential as a trout fishery. Therefore, I can enthusiastically support them in calling for some creative measures - such as regulatory changes to protect spawners, and/or increased planting of fingerlings or eggs - to help establish a larger self-propagating and wild brown trout population than the river now supports.

While I recognize the need for more study by your department, I hope this report will be of some value to you and your staff. Please take the time to do your own review of the information these people have collected. Call me if you have any questions or wish to discuss their report further.

Sincerely,



Barry Mitchell  
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