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Dear Norman,

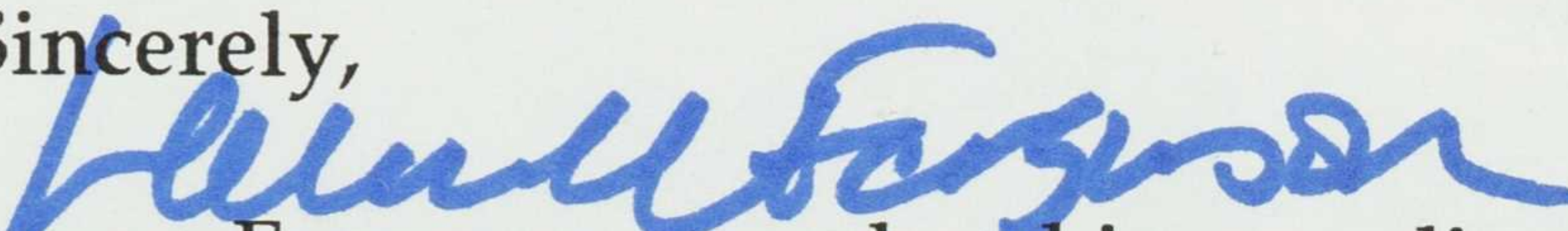
Thank you for your interest in the Alliance for the Wild Rockies! The Rocky Mountains contain the last intact wildlands in the lower United States. Nearly all of the native plant and animal species present at the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition still inhabit this region. *Unfortunately, their habitat--the pristine lands and clean waters of the Northern Rockies--is being fragmented, polluted and destroyed by extractive industries and agriculture.* The efforts of people who care about wildlife and wildlands will determine the fate of our Northern Rockies.

AWR is a grassroots conservation network comprised of over 500 businesses and organizations and nearly 6,000 individuals committed to protecting the environmental integrity and biological diversity of the Northern Rockies. Our programs include Ecosystem Defense, Outreach and Public Education, Research, and Legislative Action. One of our priority projects is the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, a bill in Congress which would protect 20 million acres. This bill was created by scientists, conservationists and businesses owners. NREPA (HR852) was reintroduced in Congress this year by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and as of now has 37 co-sponsors. (More information on NREPA is included in this packet.)

Because we are a grassroots organization, individual members are extremely important. It is through the hard work of volunteers and members that we have been so successful. As a member, you would receive our quarterly newsletter (the Networker), action alerts, and news updates to keep you informed about crucial environmental issues and up-to-date on AWR activities.

Right now more than ever your support for America's wildlands is needed. Our natural heritage is being destroyed at an unprecedented rate, but we don't have to stand by and watch. *Efforts by informed and caring citizens--like you--will halt this needless and expensive destruction.* We hope you will join us in support of the Northern Rockies.

Sincerely,


Laura Ferguson, membership coordinator

P.S. We have a very low overhead, so over 90% of your contribution goes towards protecting wildlands. Please send your donation in the enclosed envelope today!

P.S. Enclosed our newsletter, *The Networker*.  printed on recycled paper. 