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Comments on Sanko Creek Cutthroat Trout Refuge Project

The Flathead Audubon Society is a local, active group of people interested in sound stewardship and management of natural resources. We have reviewed your January 8, 2009, letter containing information on the Sanko Creek Cutthroat Trout Refuge Project and wish to submit the following comments.

Flathead Audubon Society fully supports the maintenance and restoration of native trout in local streams and lakes. Special efforts to maintain the cutthroat population in Sanko Creek are warranted and the proposed action of creating barriers to exclude non-native brook and rainbow trout appear to be an effective management approach. Therefore, Flathead Audubon Society encourages the Ranger District to implement the proposed project.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our comments.

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