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To the MVP Support Team,

On behalf of the Montana Vet Program (MVP), I would like to start off by saying our mission is not possible without your generosity and support. We are truly grateful for all that you contribute to our program.

The first four years of MVP's adventure have been filled with formidable challenges and plenty of suffering, lol! But there have also been many moments of inspiration, determination, and triumph. I am immensely proud of where MVP's team is today, with the veterans it has helped, and the volunteers that stand by our side.

With that said, the Montana Vet Program and Eagle Mount Great Falls (EMGF) have mutually decided it is best for MVP to step out from underneath EMGF's umbrella and set out on its own. MVP will always be grateful for Eagle Mount Great Falls' generosity and willingness to see MVP's vision and potential. We hope the best for EMGF and look forward to seeing them continue to serve the local community. MVP's separation begins immediately. Currently, MVP is submitting a request for 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Once MVP receives its non-profit status all assets will be transferred from EMGF to MVP.

I will be the first to let you know that MVP's participation rates remain low. Since MVP's inception, we have always known the hardest obstacle for MVP to navigate would be recruiting struggling veterans who are open to hearing the hard truth and are willing to take the road of self-ownership to self-improvement. We do not claim to fix all the problems veterans struggle with. MVP is not a magic pill that solves all challenges for veterans. However, there is magic in our Veteran-Led Therapeutic Adventure Trips (VLTAT). It exists in the comradery, the laughter, the Pig Egg, the suffering, and in Montana's wild places. We look at ourselves as a structure familiar to all veterans, the schoolhouse. A schoolhouse that teaches and exposes veterans to some basic tools, techniques, and procedures that can help veterans master their emotional, psychological, spiritual struggles.

One example of such a veteran, is the Marine Michael Elliot. Michael heard about our program while visiting the Vet Center in Helena. After speaking with his counselor about the things he felt he was missing in his life, his counselor told him that he needed to contact MVP. Next, Michael reached out to us and joined one of our trips into the Absaroka-Beartooth wilderness. Our trip had such a profound effect on Michael that he reorientated his life around the principles MVP promotes: physical, psychological, and spiritual self-improvement through mental toughness and the continued ownership of weakness, ego, love, and positive growth. Currently, Michael is a talented team leader and key player in MVP's future efforts to help the veteran community.

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And, although recruitment remains low and COVID-19 has slowed us down, MVP will continue pushing forward with our approach to self-healing, while using the views of the veterans and volunteers who have suffered with us as a barometer for success and a compass for direction. It has been an honor to have your support and I hope you see the value in our mission and take pride in supporting our initiatives. We are chomping at the bit to start this new chapter and getting after it in 2021. I genuinely hope you come along for the ride. Best wishes to you and yours.

Respectfully,

Luke Urick (MVP President of the board)

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