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Dear Chris, *re*

September 18, 2019, *re* Walli County Commissioners

RE: Skalkaho Bend Park Causes Problems For Nearby Property Owners

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Enclosed please find an Email I received this week from Garry Shook, The owner of the next big piece of property to the south of the proposed Skalkaho Bend Park. As you can see, he is already experiencing difficulties with trespassing, poaching and vandalism to his signage and fences.

When miscreants like these criminal trespassers and poachers are rewarded by getting what they want, it creates a moral hazard. As you can see, it just encourages them to do it all over again with the next property owner. Unfortunately it was the Bitterroot Land Trust's premature announcement of their fantasy trail across all the private property from Kiwanis Park to Angler's Roost a while back that dramatically increased the trespassing all of us along this way experience.

This is the reason the adjacent and nearby property owners are asking for concessions and assurances that The Bitterroot Land Trust will take action to ensure the problems are stopped at the border of the proposed new park. Their past premature and ill advised announcements of a public trail created and encouraged this constituency with no respect for private property rights. The Bitterroot Land Trust needs to step up and take some responsibility. So far, they have not.

Sincerely,

Terry Ryan

From: **Garry Shook** GarryShook@msn.com
Subject: **Tresspassers**
Date: **Sep 15, 2019 at 1:00:53 PM**
To: **Theresa Ryan** tryan@eemail.com

Terry,

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Over the fourteen years we have owned this property we have experienced an invasion of trespassers and armed poachers that have torn down posting signs as fast as we put them up. Postings 12 feet above the ground were taken down within 24 hours. Trespassers have routinely cut our fences to facilitate their legal entry. They have torn down fence sections to drag illegally taken elk with four-wheelers off our property. They burned a farm building on the property in 2006. Littering by trespassers is a continuing problem. With the addition of parking, a trail network, and other facilities immediately adjacent to my property, one could only expect trespassing to increase on my property.

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