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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

I am writing to request your help in perpetuating my 320 acres of forest and rangeland as part of the working landscapes of the Bitterroot Valley. Since I bought my property back in 1981, I have worked hard to keep my property healthy and productive. I have thinned my forest, sold four timber sales, and planted thousands of trees. I graze cattle and horses, provide wildlife habitat and send clean water to my downstream neighbors. In 2015 I was awarded the "Tree Farmer of the Year" award. Now however, as my wife and I grow older, we fear that our land will eventually end up as part of the ever-growing Missoula bedroom community. The result being still more loss of the land base needed to sustain our local economy.

A while back we approached the Bitterroot Land Trust to inquire about a conservation easement. Those folks told us that it would cost close to \$40,000 to complete this easement. It would be a hard thing for my wife and I to come up with that kind of money. They also said that the criteria you adopted for accessing the County open space bond is heavily weighted towards agricultural properties and therefore my forest and rangeland would not qualify.

In short, I'd appreciate it if you would take another look at your criteria for qualifying for open space bond funds. Maybe with just a word or two changed here or there, timber and rangeland with a proven record of production, could also qualify for those funds. I would be more than happy to meet with you in Hamilton or at my place to discuss this notion in more detail. In the meantime, I remain committed to providing wood fiber, grazing and clean water as part of the resource-based economy of Ravalli County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Fichtler", written in dark ink.

Richard Fichtler

Attachments: Air photo of property

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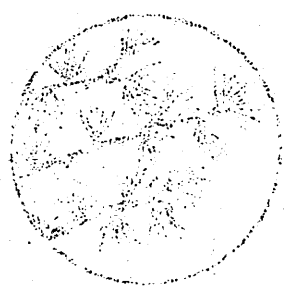
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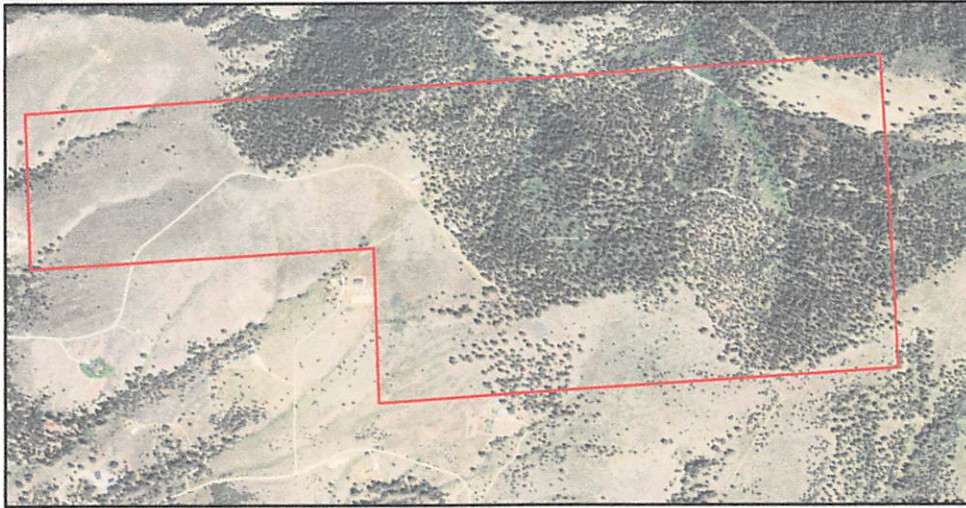


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