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**From:** Julia Ellison <juliaellison60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** Sapphire and Blue Joint Wilderness Study Areas

Greetings Commissioners,

My name is Julie Ellison and I want to express my hope that you will rescind your letter to Senator Daines regarding the Sapphire and Blue Joint Wilderness Study areas. These wild places deserve protection and a collaborative process to determine their future. I hope you will listen to all the constituents in your area and make a decision to form a collaborative, such as was done with the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act, to make recommendations to our state senators.

Once pristine areas are removed from protection, we can never get them back. Our children and grandchildren deserve and need to walk in the silence of an undeveloped forest. Our wildlife deserve places where snowmobiles and motorized vehicles do not disturb their habitat. Thank you for being willing to open up another hearing to get input from a more diverse citizenry.

Sincerely,  
Julie Ellison