
Ravalli County Collaborative

Ravalli County Montana

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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senate
218 East Front Street, Ste. 103
Missoula, MT 59802

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for Records

Subject: Blue Joint and Sapphire Wilderness Study Areas

Dear Senator Daines:

The Ravalli County Collaborative (RCC) is a diverse group of volunteers appointed by the Board of Ravalli County Commissioners to promote the wise use and management of public natural resources by local, state, and federal agencies within Ravalli County. The RCC employs a collaborative forum for reviewing and developing natural resource actions and policies that affect local communities.

The RCC believes that the disposition of the Blue Joint and Sapphire Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) is an important issue. As such, the RCC intends to employ collaboration to explore the full range of potential management options for these areas currently designated as WSAs regardless of the outcome of S.2206.

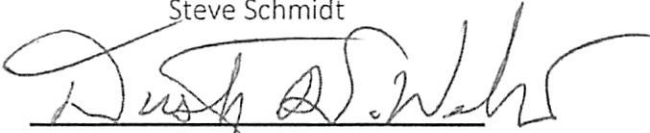
With the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service, stakeholders and the public we hope to develop future management proposals that will achieve wide acceptance by the public and decision makers.

In order to protect the integrity of our future collaborative efforts, we are taking a neutral position on S.2206.

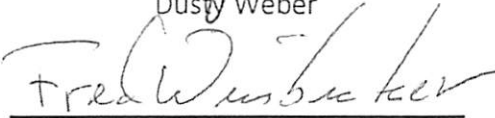
Sincerely,

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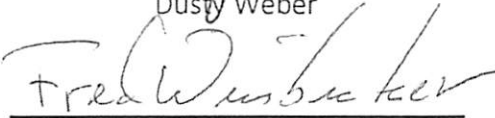
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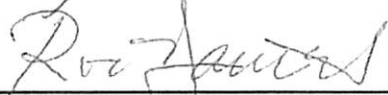
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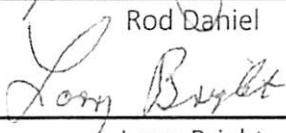
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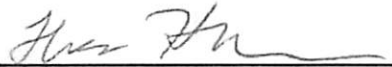
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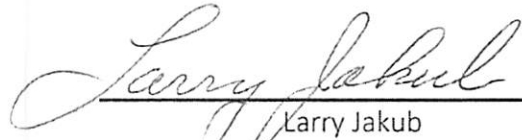
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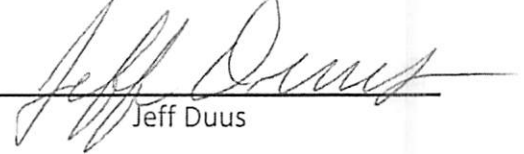
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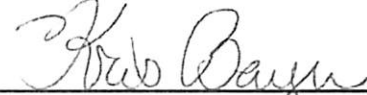


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