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From: Kathy Hundley <montanakath@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 8:04 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Ravalli Public Records Request letter
Attachments: Ravalli Public Records Request March 20 2018.pdf

Ravalli Co. Commissioners,

Please find attached letter requesting your response.

A hard copy letter will follow through the USPS mail system.

Respectfully,

Kathy Hundley

Joe and Kathy Hundley
3448 Wright Way
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Jeff + Greg to
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March 20, 2018

The Honorable Greg Chilcott
The Honorable Ray Hawk
The Honorable Chris Hoffman
The Honorable Jeff Burrows
The Honorable Doug Schallenberger
Ravalli County Commission
215 S. Fourth St., Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Public Records Act Request

Dear Commissioners:

Under the Montana Public Records Act § 2-6-101 et seq. and the Montana State Constitution, we hereby request copies of all correspondence and memorandums, including but not limited to electronic mail, hard copy mail, and telephone records, between any Ravalli County Commissioner and Senator Daines' staff as well as between any Ravalli County Commissioner and Representative Gianforte's staff regarding any issue affecting Montana public lands, including, but not limited to, Ravalli County wilderness study areas. We seek copies of such correspondence and memorandums that took place between May 1, 2017 and March 15, 2018.

Article II, Section 9 of the Montana State Constitution provides that "No person shall be deprived of the right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of all public bodies or agencies of state government and its subdivisions, except in cases in which the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure." This right is enshrined in Montana state law, which provides that, except in very narrow circumstances not applicable here, "every person has a right to examine and obtain a copy of any public information of this state."¹

State law requires you to respond to this request "in a timely manner."² As such, we request a response to this request within ten days.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of communications between Senator Daines and Ravalli County Commissioners and Representative Gianforte and Ravalli County Commissioners, regarding the removal of protections for wilderness study areas or other changes to public land management. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

¹ Mont. Code Annotated, Sec. 2-6-1003.

² *Id.*, Sec. 2-6-1006.

If providing the requested records will take longer than a 'reasonable' amount of time, please contact me with information about when we might expect copies.

As required by state law, if you deny any or all of this request, please provide a written explanation of the denial and notify me of the appeal procedures.³ Please also note that any denial is reviewable by Montana courts.⁴

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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³ *Id.*, Sec. 2-6-1009.

⁴ *Id.*