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**From:** alfred weisbecker <fredweis@cybernet1.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 5:51 PM  
**To:** Jeff Burrows; Chris Taggart; 'Dusty Weber'; Greg Chilcott; 'Jeff Duus'; 'Kelsey Milner'; 'Kit Sutherland'; 'Kris Bayer'; 'Larry Bright'; 'Larry Jakub'; 'Marc Cooke'; 'Margaret Gorski'; 'Rod Daniel'; 'Steve Schmidt'; 'Tom Henderson'  
**Cc:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** RE: RCC letter to Sen Daines  
**Attachments:** WSA written comments.docx

all,

attached is a letter emailed to me intended for the whole group. Her name is Michelle Long, she was in attendance at the February meeting.

Fred

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**From:** Jeff Burrows [mailto:jburrows@rc.mt.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 8:59 AM  
**To:** Chris Taggart; Dusty Weber; Fred Weisbecker; Greg Chilcott; Jeff Burrows; Jeff Duus; Kelsey Milner; Kit Sutherland; Kris Bayer; Larry Bright; Larry Jakub; Marc Cooke; Margaret Gorski; Rod Daniel; Steve Schmidt; Tom Henderson  
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**Subject:** RCC letter to Sen Daines

All,

Attached is the signed copy of the RCC letter to Daines regarding the WSA's.

Jeff

1. Commissioner Chilcott has repeatedly claimed that opponents of Daines' 2206 are relying on emotion, not "facts" in our arguments. This accusation is offensive. I was an English Professor for decades. Among other topics, I taught Aristotelian argument, and I know the difference between logos and pathos. Yes, we love Montana and its wild places. And we are passionate. But the claim that we do not have abundant research to support our positions is either disingenuous or poorly informed. There is a great deal of evidence on the damage, to wildlife and water quality, of logging and other roads. There is evidence about the degradation of riparian zones caused by any stream crossing, particularly those by motorized vehicles. There is evidence of the damage to important plant and soil microbes caused by snowmobiles. There is evidence of the increased distribution of noxious weeds. There is evidence of the considerable role outdoor recreation plays in Montana's economy. I could go on. My point is that it takes little effort to find strong evidence supporting those who want to continue protections for WSAs.
2. Representative Gianforte's recent bills, also introduced without public meetings, make it all the more important for bodies such as the Collaborative Committee to consider both public opinion and available research and to move beyond the letter finalized at the 2/27 meeting.