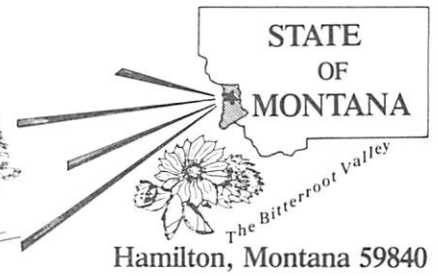
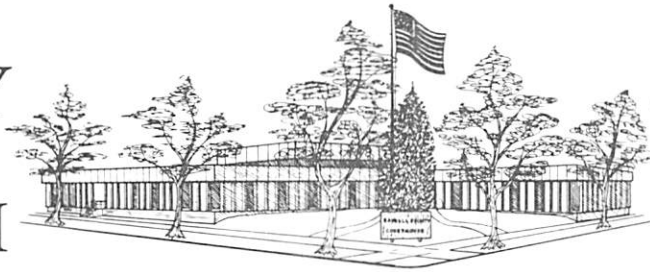


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April 11, 2018

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 Eleventh Ave.
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RE: Proposed Canyon Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project

To Whom it May Concern;

The Ravalli County Commissioners support the DNRC grant request for necessary repairs to the Canyon Lake Dam. The project will provide benefits for irrigators, aquifer recharge, fisheries and late stream flow, but more importantly will enhance public health and safety associated with possible minor or major dam failures.

Canyon Lake Dam was constructed in 1891 and is located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area. The Canyon Creek Irrigation District (CCID) owns and operates the Canyon Lake Dam. The normal reservoir capacity is 425 acre feet (max capacity 500 acre feet) and serves 1000 acres and 109 users. The prohibition of activities and access in designated wilderness makes repair and maintenance work cost prohibitive, especially for locally funded irrigation districts.

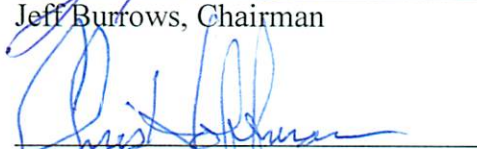
The Ravalli County Commissioners would strongly urge the DNRC to fund the grant request at the full amount.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,
RAVALLI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeff Burrows, Chairman



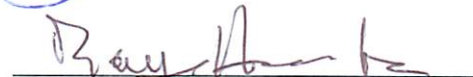
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