

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Jeff Burrows  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** 'Christian Pruitt'  
**Cc:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** RE: Public meeting without public comment?

Mr. Pruitt,

The end goal was to host a congressional field briefing. Congressman Gianforte's office asked if they could utilize our meeting space for the briefing. The meeting was not a commissioner meeting or it would have accepted public comment, congressional field briefings follow a different format and do not accept public comment.

The meeting was well attended, but was not tightly constrained, in fact a group of citizens who opposed the meeting rudely interrupted the meeting and walked out (which opened up a bunch of seating), however, in my opinion does not meet the spirit or intent of public participation.

The scheduling and short notice complaint is not worth responding to as there was adequate notice of the briefing and it was well publicized before the meeting happened and smacks of an attempt to discredit the meeting through the hollow notice argument.

A response does not seem necessary to your comment about the dark money as it appears you just wanted to throw out an insult.

Congrats on youngsters, I am also raising the next generation of public land enthusiasts that enjoy hunting, fishing and recreating on public lands.

Jeff

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**From:** Christian Pruitt <christian.m.pruitt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:07 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office <commissioners@rc.mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Public meeting without public comment?

Dear Commissioners,

I am wondering what the end goal of the short notice, tightly constrained meeting you hosted today with Rep. Gianforte? I am one of your constituents here in Ravalli County

and a meeting that doesn't allow the voice of the public to be heard hardly meets the spirit or intent of a public meeting. This meeting lacks transparency in terms of the scheduling and short notice nature and smacks of an attempt to circumvent the voice of your employers.

Additionally, I read with some dismay that you are aligning yourselves with what can only be described as a smear campaign against some of the grass roots organizations here in Montana that are leading the charge to save our public lands and waterways. This in my opinion is the ultimate hypocrisy; you as commissioners are being influenced by out of state lobbyist to ascertain whether these grass roots, ground up organizations are being manipulated by outside influences and money?! That is the easily the funniest thing I've heard in a long time.

I am raising the next generation of public land enthusiasts and I/we need you to listen to your constituents and stand up for our public lands and our right to access those federal lands for generations to come.

Christian Pruitt

Sent from my iPhone