

Glenda Wiles

From: Jeff Lonn <jefflonn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Chris A. Hoffman
Cc: Glenda Wiles; Ray Hawk; Greg Chilcott; Jeff Burrows; Doug Schallenberger
Subject: Re: public comment on Oct 29 commissioners meeting

Dear Chris,

Thanks for your quick response. I did watch the entire meeting. I think the \$10,000 grant came from the DNRC, so it also was taxpayer money, but the expense was covered by all Montanans rather than just Ravalli County residents.

Is this correct?

Jeff Lonn

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From: Chris A. Hoffman <CAHoffman@rc.mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 6:13 PM
To: Jeff Lonn
Cc: Glenda Wiles; Ray Hawk; Greg Chilcott; Jeff Burrows; Doug Schallenberger
Subject: Re: public comment on Oct 29 commissioners meeting

Dear Jeff,

Speaking for myself as just one county commissioner, I'm wondering if you watched the whole meeting. If you had, you would know that \$10,000 of the total cost of the report came from a grant, earmarked for the project.

You would also know that we commissioned the study from the U of M, so that it would be recognized as impartial.

It might interest you to know that I, too, wasn't as happy with the finished product as I would like to have been.

Finally, I will state this in as plain of terms as I am able, no member of the current board of Ravalli County Commissioners is remotely in favor of public lands transfer. That rumor is flat out horse manure. On the other hand, the idea that the commissioners have no business weighing in on public lands issues is, frankly, ridiculous. More than 70 percent of Ravalli County's land mass is comprised of public lands. What happens on the forest impacts all of us who live in the other 30 percent. It is our obligation to maintain a seat at that table. Period.

I do want to thank you for taking the time to share your opinion, and I am at your service if you would like to discuss these issues further.