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From: Becki at BR RC&D [bitterrootrcd@cybernet1.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 11:26 AM
To: Becki at BR RC&D
Subject: FW: Attend Bitter Root RC&D Light Up The Night Gala

Good Morning Bitter Root RC&D Project Members and Friends of Bitter Root RC&D,

(I am sorry if you receive this invitation more than once as we have several email lists who receive information from us. PLEASE FORWARD to others who would have an interest. Thank you!)

The Bitter Root Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) is announcing the first annual Gala event in which our organization is fundraising to augment the loss of federal funds that had been coming to the RC&D for 45 years. We have always been a standalone 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization but we had the benefit of some federal support throughout the years which helped us provide services to our community, very often below our cost. That has changed for us.

Our organization has taken a large funding reduction hit that will affect our capability to administer programs if we do not find ways to diversify our funding stream. So, to stay positive, proactive and ready to pull our sleeves to keep the services that we offer intact, we are planning a Gala event on November 3rd at the Bitterroot River Inn in Hamilton at 6:00 pm. See the invitation and registration below the email!

We would appreciate your support by registering to join us at the event to celebrate 47 years of Bitter Root RC&D success while helping us raise awareness and funds in a fun way! In fact, we have Gold Table packages for \$425 in which your organization would receive the following:

- 8 seats at a table
- Front area seating
- Presented with a plaque at the dinner to designated donor
- Two bottles of wine
- 8 raffle tickets
- Acknowledged in the program
- Link listed on RC&D website (if you have one)
- Recognized in RC&D newsletter

If you cannot join us then perhaps you would be willing to donate an item to be placed in our auction.

We want to continue to help support projects and organizations like yours in the ways that we do; with access to low cost services that sustain our natural and human resources. We appreciate your continued support in providing service to your community. Your efforts have made this program a success for the past 47 years. Let's "Light Up The Night" and celebrate all of our success at the Gala on November 3rd.

Sincerely,
Becki Koon
Executive Director

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Promoting conscientious development of the area's natural and human resources, while maintaining or improving the quality of those resources and the quality of life in Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties, Montana.

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Bitter Root RC&D Light Up The Night Gala

Where:
Bitterroot River Inn
139 Bitterroot Plaza Drive
Hamilton, MT 59840

Turn West off of HWY 93
between First Interstate Bank and
Dairy Queen

[Driving Directions](#)

When:
Saturday November 3, 2012 from
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM MDT
[Add to my calendar](#)

Light Up The Night Artwork Courtesy

Dear Bitter Root, Friend of Bitter Root RC&D,

You are invited to the First Annual Bitter Root Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) Gala. Help us "Light Up The Night" and assist our more than 50 community projects and activities by coming to our fundraising Gala on November 3, 2012.

In April of 2011, the Bitter Root RC&D lost the federal funding support that helped our organization reach out to assist the communities of Ravalli, Mineral, and Missoula Counties in the way that we have. The Bitter Root RC&D is a standalone nonprofit that is now diversifying its funding stream to assist with sustainability, helping us keep the doors open to continue to be a 501(c)(3) project umbrella. What does that mean? We are a fiscal umbrella for nonprofit organizations and groups much like a business incubator that supports fledgling businesses while they build and get on their feet. A few examples are: Bitter Root Land Trust, Bitter Root Water Forum, Wood For Haiti, Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding, and Bitter Root Economic Development District.

Your attendance and/or donation is leveraged many times over and supports efforts such as: helping cancer victims with food, gas and physical therapy; getting youth outside to experience and learn to care for the natural environment; helping reduce fire hazard through hazardous fuels reduction on the land; helping the nonprofit community build capacity through education; recycling in Ravalli County; promoting energy efficiency education for residents and energy audits for local

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agricultural producers; and first-time homebuyer education.

We support the good work that community members do which is so vital to our rural life. We plan to succeed and have a great time in the process.

JOIN US in CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of NATIONAL RC&D SUCCESS and the 47th BIRTHDAY of BITTER ROOT RC&D!

Saturday, November 3, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Bitterroot River Inn, Hamilton, MT

Cocktails - Auctions - Music - Displays - Awards

French Country Cuisine, Dutch-Oven Style
A collaboration between Riversong Gourmet and
Trapper Creek Job Corps Culinary Arts Students!

\$40 Individual / \$75 Couple

Please click on the link below to register or RSVP for the Gala.

We are also seeking silent and live auction items. If you have an item you would like to donate, please call 406-363-5450 to make arrangements. This is a great way to show your support even if you can not attend the Gala!

Would you like to be a sponsor of the event and listed in all of our media outreach and honored at the Gala? Contact Becki Koon at 406-360-2211.

Register Now!

I can't make it

If you have any questions please contact our office at 406-363-5450 or visit our web site at www.bitterrootrcd.org

Your attendance and donations assist in supporting 50 projects and activities currently active.

We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the Gala! Please forward this invitation on to others! You are helping

Sincerely,

Becki Koon
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