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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
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To the Ravalli Commission:

As you review the draft Natural Resource Use Plan and the draft Alternative Proposed Natural Resource Use Plan, please consider assembling a group of volunteers from several areas of interest to rebuild the document from scratch; these ought to include folks with some expertise in water resource management, forest management (protection from natural enemies, recreational use, wildlife management, lumbering, reforestation, etc), fishing, hunting, mining and other aspects.

The present drafts differ in that they are prepared largely from opposing standpoints: extraction versus conservation. There is room for both if all parties can sit down and work it out. There is one big additional problem, namely 'coordination'. This is a concept which you should pursue separately from other topics; it simply muddies the water when combined with other subjects, and never can all involved agree to a final document. If you cannot be satisfied without stating your preference for some kind of 'coordination', then put it into a standalone document. That policy would bear on more situations than just natural resources. Roads for example, or air pollution, etc. etc.

Lastly, a policy should be the framework upon which you build your plan. You are attempting to develop a plan but you have no policy to guide its development. At best you will end up with a disorganized plan, awkward to understand and frustrating to apply.

My earnest request is to stop everything, rethink (and explain to your constituents) the underlying need for your efforts, what is your goal and how you intend to achieve it. And be open, honest and transparent as you go proceed.

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