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From: Stacey Umhey [sumhey@hotmail.com]
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To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Medicine Tree

Dear Commissioners-

I hope I am not alone in writing you to express my outrage and embarrassment by the comments made by our current planning director, members of our County Commission and the Commission's attorney. I also hope that, upon reflection, you share this embarrassment and outrage. The questions asked and comments made by all of you at the recent meeting to discuss the Medicine Tree property clearly demonstrate a lack of understanding or appreciation for fellow human beings, which is simply unacceptable for those representing this County. I urge you to apologize to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes as a whole and all those in attendance in particular.

I was particularly concerned about the comments made by the current chair of our planning board. These comments displayed an ignorance that is simply beyond comprehension for someone who is in a position of leadership in our community. Please reconsider his ability to act as chairperson for our planning board. Our community deserves so much better.

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