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as of 11/26
1:30 pm

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- #395 Magy Stelling Nov 26, 2013 Missoula, Montana., MT
- #394 Benny G. McDonald Nov 26, 2013 St Ignatius, MT
- Pure Ignorance.
- #393 Nancy Oesau Nov 26, 2013 Hamilton, MT
- #392 Tim Peterson Nov 26, 2013 Corvallis, MT
- #391 Kapila Morgan Nov 26, 2013 Lakewood, CO

Previous resident of Ravalli County

#390 Anna Green Nov 26, 2013 Stevensville, MT

#389 Peggy Steffes Nov 26, 2013 Stevensville,, MT

Very sorry that you had to be exposed to the disrespect by some of our elected officials here in Ravalli Co. They do not represent to people who live here.

#388 Susan Wall Nov 26, 2013 Corvallis, MT

I want the BIA to know that many people in Ravalli County support the transfer of these lands.

#387 Roberta Anderson Nov 26, 2013 Polson, MT

#386 Alla Brooks Nov 26, 2013 Hamilton, MT

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- #385 Kathleen Dolce Nov 26, 2013 Niwot, CO
I stand with those apologizing for the reprehensible behavior of Ravalli County Commissioners and Chair of the Planning Board.
- #384 Susan Grossman Nov 26, 2013 Los Angeles, CA
- #383 Lisa Bagaoisan Nov 26, 2013 Palson, MT
- #382 Dina Menager Nov 26, 2013 Victor, MT
- #381 Marci Smith Nov 26, 2013 Victor, MT

I think that Jan Wisniewsky (SP?) himself needs to write an apology to the S&K tribes. AND it should also be published as an editorial in the paper! What an incredibly irrelevant and inappropriate remark he made about his "fact-finding" mission to Havre and all the "drunken Indians" in their jail. How many drunken white folks are run through in Darby's jail, Jan? You might want to "fact-find" a little closer to home!

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| #380 | Suzanne Artley | Nov 26, 2013 | Florence, MT |
| #379 | Heather riley | Nov 26, 2013 | Pinesdale, MT |
| #378 | Amy Sage | Nov 26, 2013 | Victor, MT |
| #377 | Kelley Brown | Nov 26, 2013 | Helena, MT |

I do not live in Ravalli County, but think that the comment made by the Ravalli County Commissioner need to be apologized for. That sort of thinking is so ignorant.

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| #376 | Douglas
Johnston | Nov 26, 2013 | Corvallis, MT |
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#374	Michael Savage	Nov 26, 2013	Victor, MT
#373	Erin Barb	Nov 26, 2013	Missoula, MT
#372	Deborah Hicks	Nov 26, 2013	MSLA, MT
#371	Marie Torosian	Nov 26, 2013	St. Ignatius, MT
#370	Shirly C Smith	Nov 26, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#369	pamela	Nov 26, 2013	Corvallis, MT
#368	Lee Robinson	Nov 26, 2013	Hamilton, MT

I believe an apology is very much in order.....

#367 Sheila Snyder Nov 26, 2013 Arlee, MT

#366 Lawna Burland Nov 26, 2013 Arlee, MT

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#365	Tracy Walczak	Nov 26, 2013	Darby, MT
#364	Stephanie Haines	Nov 24, 2013	Missoula, MT
#363	Elizabeth Smith	Nov 26, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#362	Karla Wienczek	Nov 25, 2013	Covallis, MT
#361	Crystal Brenner	Nov 25, 2013	Heart Butte, MT
#360	Suzanne Tour	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT

For as many years as I remember I have enjoyed either seeing the Medicine Tree when I went by it or remembering it when I go by there now. I always look for the place and think about its story.

#359 Bradford P Larkin Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

Ravalli County Commissioners are nothing but a group of Goose-Stepping Nazi Pigs, without a brain cell shared between them.

#358 Tara Heinrich Nov 25, 2013 missoula, MT

#357 Erin B Snyder Nov 25, 2013 Arlee, MT

#356 Mary marsh Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT

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- #355 Lindsay Dickes Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT
- #354 Daren Nov 25, 2013 St Ignatius, MT
- Sorry I don't remember if it was 80 or 800 a year that would be lost in taxes, but it seems that with many people making two trips a year that much more is spent in the local economy. Nice to see so many people from Ravalli County speaking out.
- #353 Bonnie Dugan Nov 25, 2013 Corvallis, MT
- #352 Matthew Ogden Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT
- #351 Judy White Nov 25, 2013 Missoula, MT

#350	Robert Brophy	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#349	marnie prange	Nov 25, 2013	Stevensville, MT
#348	Mona Ebensteiner	Nov 25, 2013	St. Ignatius, MT
#347	Karen Fisher	Nov 25, 2013	Arlee, MT
#346	rae linden	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT, NM

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- #345 **Dori Knoll** Nov 25, 2013 Arlee, MT
- #344 **Amelia Adams** Nov 25, 2013 Pablo, MT

I truly disrespect the comments made by the Ravalli County Commissioners. I didn't know such ignorant and hateful people live in this world st ll.

- #343 **Dan Young** Nov 25, 2013 Albuquerque, NM

All people deserve a respectful hearing, particularly in matters of deep significance such as sacred sites.

- #342 Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT

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I did not vote for these idiots.

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| #341 | Marshall E Bloom | Nov 25, 2013 | Hamilton, MT |
| #340 | Nicole Trahan | Nov 25, 2013 | Arlee, MT |
| #339 | Dawn Hill | Nov 25, 2013 | Albuquerque, NM |
| #338 | Val Roberts | Nov 25, 2013 | Ronan, MT |
| #337 | Eunice | Nov 25, 2013 | Polson, MT |
| #336 | John Buchanan | Nov 25, 2013 | Hamilton, MT |

Ignorance and racism have no seat at the governance table.

The comments of the representative from Darby are not ones supported by the vast majority of this community. Those that are reading this from outside Ravalli County should know that this insensitive, ignorant is an embarrassment .

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#335 Carlotta Grandstaff Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

And the board should remove Jan Wisniewski AND drop their protest of the CSKT plan for their private property.

#334 Jay Fyant Nov 25, 2013 Polson, MT

I am humbled by the outpouring of Humanity from the People of the Bitterroot Valley. It truly restores my Faith. planning@rc.mt.gov is their email address, please give them your feedback. God Bless You.

#333 Joseph Steele Nov 25, 2013 Arlee, MT

By signing this petition I agree with demanding an apology from the Ravalli County authorities. I may or may not agree with other political ideas expressed through this site.

#332 Hannah Heilicher Nov 25, 2013 Missoula, MT

I do not live in Ravalli County but on behalf of the American people I am SO sorry we are so blinded by our ignorance!

#331 Lori Cochran Nov 25, 2013 Medical Lake, WA

#330 Dane Morigeau Nov 25, 2013 Arlee, MT

#329 Reyna Sylvester Nov 25, 2013 Ronan, MT

#328 Carol Schwan Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

I am so disappointed and shocked by the ignorance of our county commissioners. Idiots.

#327 Jessica Scheible Nov 25, 2013 Stevensville, MT

#326 Barbara Gilfillan Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

When are these people going to stop embarrassing the citizens of Ravalli County?

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#323	Alice G Timmons	Nov 25, 2013	Leyden, MA
#322	Saira Arnold	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#321	Carol Klakken	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
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Here is a quote for the Ravalli County Commissioners to reflect upon. "Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by

education; they grow there, firm as weeds among rocks." Charlotte Bronte

- #320 Elizabeth Saxton Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT
- #319 Jaylene Shepard Nov 25, 2013 Missoula, MT
- #318 Gerry Bates Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT
- #317 Jim Tree Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT

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- #316 Andrew Kilian Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

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- #312 Robin Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

The comments by Mr. Wisniewski should have drawn an immediate response and reprimand from the commissioners. Their inaction implies agreement and certainly they are responsible. He should be fired or allowed to resign but no action is not acceptable. The old time Bitterrooters would do well to remember who was here before them!

#311	Allisun Jensen	Nov 25, 2013	Stevensville, MT
#310	Peg Klouda	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT
Ravalli County Commissioners are an embarrassment to all of us.			
#309	wm. w. whitfield	Nov 25, 2013	hamilton, MT
#308	Melvin C. Mooers	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT
#307	Patrick McCarron	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT
#306	Barbara Ellis	Nov 25, 2013	Stevensville, MT

This is the most recent of many insensitive behaviors by the current Ravalli County Commissioners. I am embarrassed by their ignorance. They do not represent many respectful, good people who support and honor the Salish and Kootenai people and their traditions.

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- #305 Rod Daniel Nov 25, 2013 Corvallis, MT
- #304 David Parsons Nov 25, 2013 Florence, MT
- #303 Kathleen Meyer Nov 25, 2013 Victor, MT

Sad, ugly, inexcusable behavior and it hurts our entire community. Please know that my heart and feet stand in solidarity with the sovereignty of the Salish and Kootenai Peoples. And while I am deeply ashamed to be in any way associated with the ignorant and racist persuasion of our county officials, I will not apologize FOR them. That they must do themselves, or resign.

- #302 Gina Wilson Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

#301 **Dona Stebbins** Nov 25, 2013 Great Falls, MT

Outrageous behavior. You owe the folks a sincere apology.

#300 **Marina Weatherly** Nov 25, 2013 Stevensville, MT

This is the last straw! The offensive words spoken & illegal actions taken by the Ravalli County Commissioners towards the Salish & Kootenai Tribes regarding the Sacred Medicine Tree land do not represent the views of the citizens of the Bitterroot Valley. We are shocked and saddened by this treatment to the original inhabitants of this valley, and apologize. Please contact us- we will support and join you in your efforts

#299 **Melissa Orr** Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT

#298 **Lorene Williams** Nov 25, 2013 Corvallis, MT

#297 **Dean Jordan** Nov 25, 2013 Pinesdale, MT

#295 **Anne Frugoli** Nov 25, 2013 Victor, MT

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#294	Joseph Campbell	Nov 25, 2013	Pinesdale, MT
#293	Dennis Swing	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT
#292	Brian Cherry	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT
#291	Jason Goeltz	Nov 25, 2013	Stevensville, MT
#290	Bonita Dye-DeMott	Nov 25, 2013	CORVALLIS, MT
#289	Ruby Anderson	Nov 25, 2013	Victor, MT

#283 Sarah Roubik Nov 25, 2013 Corvallis, MT

I am sorry for the disrespectful treatment that you received from our county commissioners and planning board chairmen. I do not support their actions, nor their attitudes.

#287 Judy Morrissey Nov 25, 2013 Corvallis, MT

#286 Pamela Erickson Nov 25, 2013 Hamilton, MT

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#284	Gail Graves	Nov 25, 2013	Ronan, MT
#283	Brad Mohn	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#282	Judson Corn	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#281	Lisa Classen	Nov 25, 2013	Hamilton, MT
#280	Janene Lichtenberg	Nov 25, 2013	Polson, MT
#279	Helen Eden	Nov 25, 2013	Corvallis, MT