

Date: June 30, 2020

To: Ravalli County Commissioners
From: Sharon Schroeder

Re: Skalkaho Bend Park

I am writing to express support for approval of the Skalkaho Bend Park project. I am disclosing that I am currently serving as Chairperson of the Open Lands Board, but I am writing to you as a resident of Ravalli County.

When the Open Lands Bond passed in 2006 it specified preserving open lands to manage growth, preserve open lands and protect water quality of streams and the Bitterroot River. The Skalkaho Bend Park project accomplishes all 3 of these objectives. In addition, it adjoins the existing Kiwanis Park and allows public access. While there has been strong support for agricultural projects under the Open Lands Bond, I believe a conservation project that conserves Bitterroot River frontage and encourages public access is a perfect use of these funds.

I strongly encourage you to approve the use of Open Lands Bond funds for the Skalkaho Bend Park.

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