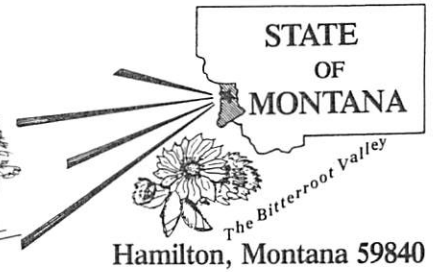
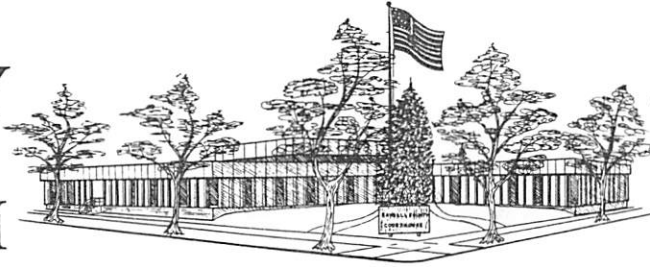


# COUNTY OF RAVALLI



January 5, 2021

Montana DNRC  
Forestry Division

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of County Commissioners of Ravalli County is in support of transitioning the Fire in the Root campaign to a formal wildfire council, as well as the application for financial support of the "Fire in the Root Mitigation Council" program through the Montana Forest Action Plan 2021 project funding. We are encouraged with the possibilities that this program offers in building on the Fire in the Root campaign in the Bitterroot Valley.

Fire in the Root was developed in 2018 as a collaborative effort among stakeholders throughout the Bitterroot Valley to provide information, outreach, and support to our communities relating to wildfire mitigation and preparedness. It has shown successes in strengthening stakeholder relationships throughout Ravalli County and facilitating homeowner assessments of mitigation opportunities.

Many of the lands throughout Ravalli County continue to show high potential for wildland fire hazard. Additionally, Ravalli County has recently experienced the impacts of both the Roaring Lion and Lolo Peak fires. A Fire in the Root Mitigation Council could potentially play a critical role in ensuring resiliency in our communities to the threats of similar fires in the future.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this effort, and would encourage you to consider this project for funding.

Sincerely,

Jeff Burrows  
Board of County Commissioners, Chairman