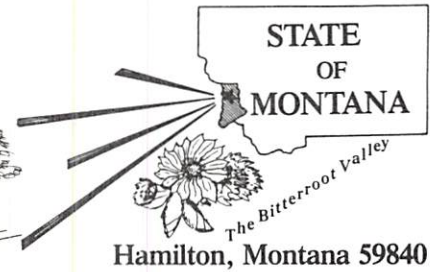


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MT Forest Action Plan Implementation Committee (FAPIC)

ATTN: Wyatt Frampton, Forest Action Plan Coordinator

## **RE: Ravalli County Commissioner Support Letter for RC&D Project Proposal**


Dear Wyatt,

The Board of Ravalli County Commissioners are in strong support of the Bitterroot RC&D proposal in response to the Montana Forest Action Plan RFP. Their proposal provides treatment of approximately 150 acres of private property through a 50/50 cost share agreement with 16 landowners. The proposal offers a variety of treatments appropriate to each parcel.

The Bitterroot RC&D has a long history of successfully assisting local landowners in reducing the risk of wildfire and improving forest health in Ravalli County. Over the last 20 years the RC&D has treated nearly 7,000 acres in the Bitterroot Valley. This program not only reduces the risk of wildfire, it also employs logging contractors to perform the necessary work to provide increased public safety and reduced public cost associated with fire suppression. This proposal includes assessments and recommendations on opportunities to harden homes and accessory structures against risks associated with wildfire.

Several of the project areas will be in areas of cross-boundary projects with the Bitterroot National Forest.

Respectfully,

  
Jeff Burrows, Chairman

  
Dan Huls, Member

  
Greg Chilcott, Member

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