

# Ravalli County Collaborative

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Ref: Update to the 2006 Bitterroot Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Commissioners:

The Ravalli County Collaborative (RCC) supports the Fire in the Root Council's ([FireintheRoot.org](http://FireintheRoot.org)) intent and leadership to complete an update of the Bitterroot Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The 2006 CWPP under which Ravalli County currently operates needs to be updated to reflect current conditions and wildfire risk in order to facilitate implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measures. This update would play a critical role to increase resiliency in Ravalli County communities to wildfires by identifying and addressing the wildfire mitigation and adaptation needs within the County. An updated CWPP would also provide tools to empower positive changes to address the threat of wildfire.

Updating a CWPP is a collaborative process, and the RCC will be an interactive partner in the process—providing insight, local knowledge, and participation. We all need to take responsibility for protecting our lives, the lives of firefighters, and our values from the wildfire risks that go along with living in our beautiful Valley.

Please actively support the update to the 2006 CWPP.

Sincerely,



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