

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



March 10, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to offer my support to the Fire in the Root Council in facilitating the completion of an update of the Bitterroot Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The 2006 CWPP under which the 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 in ensuring resiliency in Ravalli County communities to the threat of future wildfires by identifying and addressing the mitigation and adaptation needs that exist within the County, as well as provide tools to empower positive changes to address the threat of wildfire.

Updating a CWPP is a collaborative process, and the Board of County Commissioners plans to 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.

Sincerely,

Dan Huls
Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners
Ravalli County, Montana