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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 21-08-1024R

The Honorable Dan Huls
Chairman, Ravalli County Board of Commissioners
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Community Name: Ravalli County, MT
Community No.: 300061

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Dear Mr. Huls:

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Name: City of Hamilton, Montana

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COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Jeanine P. Petterson
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VIII
Denver Federal Center, Building 710
P.O. Box 25267
Denver, CO 80225-0267
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

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This comment is based on the flood data presently available. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6426. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on the FEMA website at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick F. Sacbbit".

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