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RE: Support for the Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program

Dear Ravalli County Board of Commissioners:

The Bitterroot Conservation District Board of Supervisors (BCD) strongly supports the continuation of the voter-approved Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program (OLBP).

As you know, the BCD is responsible for the wise use, development, and conservation of soil and water resources within the county. We believe that the OLBP is closely aligned with these responsibilities since it provides landowners in Ravalli County with a voluntary, landowner-driven means of conserving open lands with value for working agriculture, wildlife habitat, and water resources.

We have been impressed and encouraged by the landowner participation and over-all success of this program and are in support of requesting a second round of bonds. The open lands conserved by these bonds will benefit all of the present and future citizens of Ravalli County by helping to maintain the landscape, economic diversity, and way of life that we all value so much.

In closing, the BCD applauds the Board of Commissioners for its past support of this positive program. We strongly encourage you to enable the continuation of the OLBP by approving the resolution to place General Obligation Bonds for preserving Open Lands on the general election ballot.

Sincerely,

The Bitterroot Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Jeff Mark
Chairman