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Ravalli County Courthouse  
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Ravalli County Board of Commissioners:

In an effort to keep you informed of our land acquisitions, this letter is to notify you that we recently signed a purchase option with Bitter Root Land Trust, Inc. to purchase 12.41 acres of land for the appraised market value of \$370,000. The property, known as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River property, is located along U.S. Highway 93 in Sula, Montana, in Ravalli County, within the Bitterroot watershed (see attached map). The legal description of the property is:

A tract of land being a portion of Homestead Entry Survey No. 949, located in Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 19 West, P.M.M., Ravalli County, Montana, and being more particularly described as Parcel 3, Certificate of Survey No. 2880.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING THEREFROM that portion deeded to the State of Montana in Book 229 of Deeds, page 850.

The property is crossed by the East Fork of the Bitterroot River and provides critical access to this river for anglers and recreationists. The parcel is within the Bitterroot National Forest and bounded on three sides by existing National Forest lands. Acquisition of this parcel will ensure continued public access to the East Fork of the Bitterroot River and fulfill the current landowner's intention of adding the property to the National Forest System.

Authority for this acquisition is contained in the Organic Act of August 3, 1956 (PL 84-979, 70 Stat. 1034; 7 USC 2268).

Should you have any further questions or comments, please contact me at (406) 363-7121, or you may contact Realty Specialist Nolan Baldwin at (406) 396-0074.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW D. ANDERSON  
Forest Supervisor  
Bitterroot National Forest

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