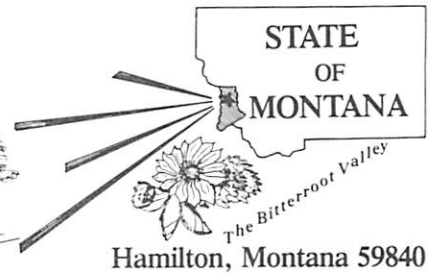
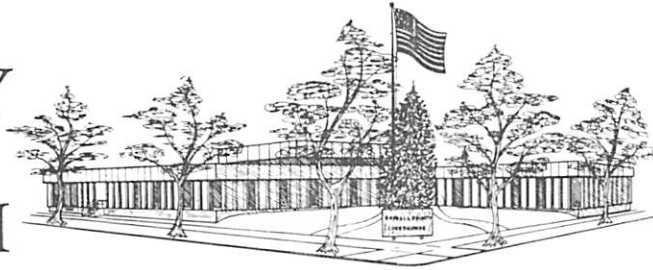


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Jason Shorten, Missoula Maintenance
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Dear Jason,

The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners recently met with Mr. John Farley and Ms. Anita John regarding their request to utilize and develop land owned by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for a park and access to the Bitterroot River. They indicated that the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department have verbally agreed to responsible for the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the finished facility. They also indicated that MDT would be willing to enter a long-term (no cost) lease of the property to a governmental entity. Ravalli County is willing to act as the lease holder for the intended use of the project. Ravalli County understands that the capital funding requirements of the project will be generated through fundraising and grant funding led by citizen volunteer efforts, not Ravalli County. The Ravalli Board of Commissioners unanimously support this project as presented.

Sincerely,

Greg Chilcott, Chairman
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners

cc: files
John Farley
Anita John