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Re: Granite County, Montana; Letter of Support for Senate Bill 2206

Dear Honorable U.S. Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines:

After hearing much public comment regarding the Sapphire Wilderness Study Area issues and associated issues from the residents of Granite county over the past few months, we strongly support Senator Daines' sponsored U.S. Senate Bill 2206 (SB 2206). We encourage all members of the U.S. Senate to support this bill as well. It is time to move forward and act for the people of Granite County.

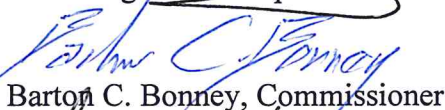
Additionally, we have established an advisory committee, to be made up of Granite County residents, which will provide ongoing advice to us as a County Commission regarding SB2206, any future amendments to this SB2206, and regarding forest management in general. We also understand that once SB2206 is passed as currently proposed, that we would, along with the residents of Granite County, would have considerable input in the forest management plan regarding the Sapphire area within Granite County.

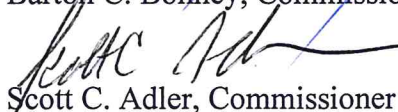
We appreciate your unyielding dedication and work on behalf of the people of Granite County and Montana. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Board of Granite County Commissioners

  
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