Scenic Values

Photo by Brian Christianson
Plant & Wildlife Habitat
Existing Conditions

- Portion of Wheeler Gravel Pit
- Communication Facility
- Slump
- Existing “road” network

Full Site Assessment

- Conservation and Recreation Plan, including public process
- Conservation/Stewardship Mill Levy
# Bluebird-North Hills Acquisition Budget

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Requested Action

- Approve a resolution of the **Missoula City Council** to expend up to $450,000 of 2006 Open Space Bond proceeds to purchase 124 acres of open space land in Missoula’s North Hills - called the Bluebird-North Hills Project - to protect scenic open space and wildlife habitat, provide a new public access trailhead and recreational trail, and pay transaction and project-related costs associated with the acquisition.

- **Missoula Board of County Commissioners** concur with the City Council and approve the expenditure of up to $450,000 of the City's portion of the 2006 Open Space Bond funds to purchase 124 acres of open space land for the Bluebird – North Hills open space project, based on findings that the project qualifies for funding, that the City has referred a recommendation of approval, that the project meets the purposes of the open space bond, and that the project has not been determined unlawful. This is contingent on receipt of the signed City Approval Resolution.”