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Mayor Engen Missoula City Council 435 Ryman Missoula, MT 59802

Dear Mayor Engen and Missoula City Council,

Missoula County strives to provide and maintain a sustainable system of parks and trails that protects a diversity of habitats and open space, where people of all ages may participate in activities blending passive and active outdoor recreation. We recognize these qualities in the North Riverside Parks and Trails Master Plan and write to express our support of the collaborative implementation of the plan.

The parks, trails and recreation sites throughout the City of Missoula are a shared resource by our Missoula County residents and we appreciate the plan's focus on enhancing the sustainability of our environment and our economy, while being inclusive of all residents and guests.

Missoula County was grateful to be a participant in the comprehensive planning committee of local citizens, key stakeholders and community leaders. The transparency and inclusion of public process for the new plan was thorough, inclusive and welcoming of all perspectives. This in-depth work by the community produced five big ideas, which support a vision of providing the best spaces for today and future generations.

As a partner in this collaborative effort, we support this plan and the determination to make our parks and trails a treasured resource to our constituents, as well as an invitation to visitors near and far who seek friendship, sustainability, community and peaceful solitude in our beautiful parks and trails. Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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