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Missoula City Council

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Re: Bluebird Trailhead project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bluebird Trailhead is proposed for the east side of Grant Creek Road, near the exit to Interstate 90 and north of the park-and-ride lot. It would provide land access to residents and the workforce near Reserve Street, the North Reserve-Scott Street Master Plan area, and at the northwest quadrant of Grant Creek Road and I-90.

The proposed Bluebird Trailhead is in the heart of a growing residential, commercial, and industrial area of our community. The workforce in the area – as well as residents – will benefit from this access to natural lands. The 2015 Our Missoula Growth Policy, the recently completed Missoula Area Mapping Project, and the North Reserve/Scott Street Master Plan all call for more intensive land use in those areas. With the trend toward higher density residential uses and multiple story office buildings, access to trails through open lands is increasingly important, as is the ability to drive, walk, or bike to a new trailhead. This trailhead will complement the Grant Creek trail system and trails planned for in the future through the BUILD grant proposal.

Sincerely,
WGM Group, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Kaufman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nick Kaufman
Senior Planner

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