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Hello City Council

Missoula's open spaces provide a respite from the stresses of our daily lives, whether we experience them up close or enjoy the undeveloped scenery from locations around the valley. These places also make ours a uniquely special community in the Northern Rockies, unrivaled by others in our region. The Mount Dean Stone Corridor acquisition provides an opportunity for the City of Missoula to build upon decades of success in open space conservation by further expanding its world class conservation lands network. We are writing to strongly express support for City acquisition of the Mount Dean Stone Corridor as an addition to the City's system of parks, trails and open space.

As trail runners, hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders passionate about open space, we are thrilled this acquisition would add another anchor to Missoula's conservation lands system.

Five Valleys Land Trust has provided top notch leadership and expertise in facilitating this effort. At the outset, Five Valleys formed a diverse committee of organizations and partners to help guide the project, and have generated tremendous financial and in-kind value throughout the process. Now the City has an opportunity to be long-term stewards of the corridor and continue growing the vision for this area. We strongly recommend the City Council vote to utilize open space bond funds and a portion of the open space estate gift to support this project.

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