

From: [Lucas Osellame](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Marshal Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 7:04:32 AM

I have skied , hiked , biked and picked huckleberries in the Marshall mountain area for 35 years.It is a Missoula treasure for sure.As the city continues to grow it will be more and more needed by the community as a way to reboot from our busy lives . Lets not let this opportunity slip away, our kids and grandkids are counting on us. Thank You Lucas Osellame

From: [Dave Rugh](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: I Support the Marshall Mountain Open Space Bond Allocation
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 9:46:55 AM

Missoula City Council and County Commissioners,

I support the community-driven collaborative process to secure the Marshall Mountain property as a multi-use recreational open space where Missoulians, Montanans, and visitors alike can enjoy a truly unique resource located close to the City of Missoula.

The Marshall property has become a highly utilized resource for group events, races, youth outdoor recreation programs, and winter recreation since the City began leasing the property in 2021. The Community nearly lost permanent access to Marshall Mountain in 2021, and we were given a second chance to preserve this land for future generations through the generosity of the Doering family and Izzy Dog, LLC.

Public entities securing unique open space properties such as Marshall Mountain is a long and complex process, taking multiple years of planning, strategy, stakeholder input, responsible budgeting, and financial forecasting. The City of Missoula has done an excellent job over the past 3 years building trust with the community and gaining voter approval of an open space bond to cover the purchase cost.

The initial bond purchase price of the property will pay financial dividends in perpetuity. The improved quality of life that open space recreation provides is paramount to retaining and growing permanent jobs in Missoula County. In addition, the year-round recreation opportunities that Marshall provides would boost tourism; generating revenue for local retailers, hotels, and restaurants.

The City Council and County Commissioners have a chance to finalize an open space project that will be remembered and appreciated by future generations.

Please vote to allocate the Open Space Bond Funding to purchase the Marshall Mountain property.

Dave Rugh

Missoula Resident and Property Owner

From: [Haley Driver](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Support of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds for Marshall Mtn
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:05:55 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Haley Driver, I live in the Rose Park neighborhood, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding for these reasons:

- Retaining access to public lands surrounding Missoula as the community grows
- Conserving natural resources, plant/animal habitat, carbon sequestration
- Providing youth programs for environmental education, recreation, personal development
- Economic benefits from events, employer recruitment, etc.
- Missoula has many pressing issues at this time but that should not mean giving up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Haley Driver

From: [Mark Whelan](#)
Subject: Support for Marshall Mountain Park
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:08:14 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Mark Whelan, I live in the Rattlesnake and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. I believe this is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to create an incredible and unique "city park." Our open spaces are part of what makes Missoula so great and Marshall would be an incredible addition.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Mark Whelan

From: [Brett Allen](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Support for Marshall Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:09:14 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Brett Allen, I live in the East Missoula neighborhood, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because:

Being in East Missoula, Marshall is a key area that my family and I visit on a regular basis. It holds a lot of fond memories for me and I would love for it to get your support for access to public lands, especially as Missoula is growing. Having this access being so close to Missoula with the wide variety of activities available (biking, running, skiing, youth programs) is very valuable to me and one of the reasons why I live in Missoula.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Brett Allen

From: [Ryan Corwin](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall Mountain Park Acquisition
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:11:24 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Ryan Corwin, I live in the the Farviews neighborhood, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because it's a Missoula treasure. I grew up learning to snowboard there, and I continue to enjoy countless vertical feet of gravity driven fun at the bike park. There is only upside in preserving Marshall Mountain as a haven for Missoulians and visitors alike.

Take a look at Spencer mountain near Whitefish and Legacy Park near Lakeside. Those communities have committed to building a recreational paradise that welcomes a diverse group to explore their backyard. We can too.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Ryan Corwin
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jryancorwin@gmail.com

From: bethany.jakubik
To: bcc@missoulacounty.us; [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain Open Space Bond Support
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:14:01 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Bethany Jakubik, I live in the lower Rattlesnake neighborhood, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because:

1. It is a great source of recreation and bringing a sense of community to Missoula
2. We need to preserve these areas such as Marshall Mtn Park for future generations
3. There is a great need for more space for events and recreation in Missoula
4. So many different users can access Marshall Mtn to make it viable for all community members
5. An incredible amount of effort has been put into preserving Marshall mtn for Missoula by the community. To not be able to acquire it would be a huge disappointment.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Bethany Jakubik

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bethanyjak@gmail.com

From: [Guen Grosklos](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall Mountain Advocacy
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:24:30 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Guen Grosklos, currently living in the Fort Missoula neighborhood, and I am writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

As an active member of the community, volunteering my time to MTB Missoula, Free Cycles, and MUD to name a few, I found that there is a diverse range of people using Marshall Mountain, whether it is for biking, nature hikes, or foraging. Therefore, to keep natural spaces open and provide a free resource for people to explore and enjoy nature, I believe that we must conserve Marshall for current and future generations.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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Guen "Gon" Grosklos
Speedgoat Wildlife Solutions
Missoula, Montana

From: [ROBERT S BROWN](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Cc: bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall Mountain Open Space Bond
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:27:31 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Robert Brown and I live in the 44 Ranch neighborhood in Missoula. I would like to voice my support for the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to purchase Marshall Mtn Park.

I feel this site is critical in preserving and expanding the recreational opportunities for our growing community. I skied at Mashall when I was younger and now mountain bike and hike the area frequently. Judging from the amount of people I see up there each time, it continues to be a popular recreation area.

Thanks for your time

Regards,
Robert Brown

From: [Eric Weckenbrock](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall Mountain Support
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:33:43 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Eric Weckenbrock and I am writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire the 3 parcels of land that comprise the Marshall Mountain property for the future Marshall Mountain Park.

Missoulians are fortunate to be able to enjoy the bounty of the mountains and forests that surround our valley and the rivers that run through it. Maintaining and increasing access to these resources is critical to maintaining the spirit of what makes Missoula so special. Marshall Mountain has been a resource for this community for nearly a century and both the current and previous owners have been incredibly generous to the community by granting access to the public. We nearly lost this resource forever a little more than a year ago and I truly believe it is our collective responsibility as a community to maintain access and ultimately enhance this land as a resource for all of us to use.

Our community has collectively invested in open space that includes ball fields, courts, tracks and trails. The Fort Missoula site has been converted to a world class community athletics facility. This was without a doubt a great use of public money benefiting many if not most throughout our community. The acquisition of Marshall Mountain is a similar investment that will become a world class example of what a community can do to create an outdoor adventure oriented park.

I use and enjoy this space weekly and my children have become better people because of the programs that have done the same. Missoula Parks and Rec summer camps, the Zootown Derailers, the Missoula Mammoths, the Missoula Stampede, Missoula XC races, and much more would not be the success they are today without Marshall. Additional opportunities exist for winter recreation, an approachable, affordable and accessible location for beginners to be introduced to skiing. It can become an outdoor classroom for MCPS field trips and UM class studies in forestry, recreation, wildlife management, ecology and much more. The opportunities for this land to create and foster new organizations and enhance existing ones are only limited by our ability to collectively own and maintain it.

I share concerns with the majority of Missoulians who struggle to maintain a livelihood in Missoula and are concerned with the increase in taxes and the wise use of how that money is spent. Maintaining services and our infrastructure is crucial. The pressure for affordable housing is immense. Your decisions aren't easy ones and there are never ending opportunities to spend money to enhance and maintain our community. Prioritizing the land that surrounds and defines our community and makes it special should be at the top of that list. Once it is lost, it is lost forever.

I strongly encourage you to vote to acquire Marshall Mountain and make it a permanent resource for our community.

Thanks,
Eric Weckenbrock

From: [Jami Wright](#)
To: [Heidi Bakula \(she, hers\)](#)
Cc: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); [Jessica Miller](#)
Subject: RE: NAWIC PNW Fall Conference
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:38:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you for the quick reply, Heidi, I appreciate it.

If there are any council members who will be available to speak from 8:15-8:30 on Thursday October 12th by welcoming everyone in our group to Missoula, we would be appreciative of your participation.

Please let me know if you have anyone available

Thanks, J

Jami Wright
Vemco, Inc.
Vertiv/Liebert Network Power, IT, Channel Sales
Direct: 406.258.0344

From: Heidi Bakula (she, hers) <BakulaH@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Jami Wright <jamiw@vemcoinc.com>
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Jessica Miller <MillerJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: RE: NAWIC PNW Fall Conference

Hello Jami,

Mayor Hess and council members will be at a conference in Helena on Thursday, October 12th. I'm forwarding this along to council to see if someone is willing to participate that is not attending the conference. Please try the mayor's office again in the future. You may want to respond to this email and let council members know where the conference is being held and what time you need them.

Thank you, Heidi

From: Jami Wright <jamiw@vemcoinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:05 PM
To: Mayor Staff <StaffM@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: . NAWIC PNW Fall Conference

Some people who received this message don't often get email from jamiw@vemcoinc.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon,

I am on the planning committee for our NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) Fall Conference, and we are looking for an speaker (ie Mayor Hess or any Council member interested) to do a 20 minute welcome to Montana speech on Thursday October 12 for our attendees from the PNW states of -ALASKA, OREGON, WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN NEVADA & GUAM

More about our local MT Chapter: <https://www.nawicmontana.org/>

PNW Chapter: <http://www.nawicpnw.org/>

National Chapter: <https://nawic.org/>

If you could kindly reply to this email as quickly as possible so I can work on a back up speaker.

Thanks, J

Jami Wright

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From: [Campbell Diebolt](#)
To: [Campbell Diebolt](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain | Open Space Bond Funds
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:49:25 AM

Dear Missoula City Council and County Commissioners --

I hope that this email finds everyone well and enjoying this beautiful Fall weather here in the greater Missoula area.

My name is Campbell Diebolt and I live in the Franklin to Fort neighborhood in Missoula, and I am writing to you all in strong support of the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe wholeheartedly that we (the city of Missoula and its inhabitants) must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site has been immensely important to me and worthy of open space bonding because it will serve as a hub for our community members and guests (tourism \$\$\$'s abound!) to build relationships with and experience nature. I personally see a future where Marshall isn't just a recreation space for middle and upper class Missoulians but a place that is accessible and accepting of everyone of all physical abilities; a place of equity for the entirety of our beautiful Missoula community. In order for our collective ambitious goals to be achieved with Marshall Mountain, we need to first find a way to retain access to these public lands and conserve their natural resources.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Best,
Campbell Diebolt

From: [Mark](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: I support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:15:05 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Mark Alinauskas, I live in the University District, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because:

No one ever regrets having public space. It will be the best gift for now and for future generations.

Think of Central Park in Manhattan, even though that could have been used for commercial and residential use; that whole city enjoys it and it is invaluable / priceless.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Mark Alinauskas

From: [Meggie Girardi](#)
To: [Gip, City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Open Bond Funds to keep Marshall
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:21:57 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is MEGGIE GIRARDI, I live in the 39th Street neighborhood area, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because:

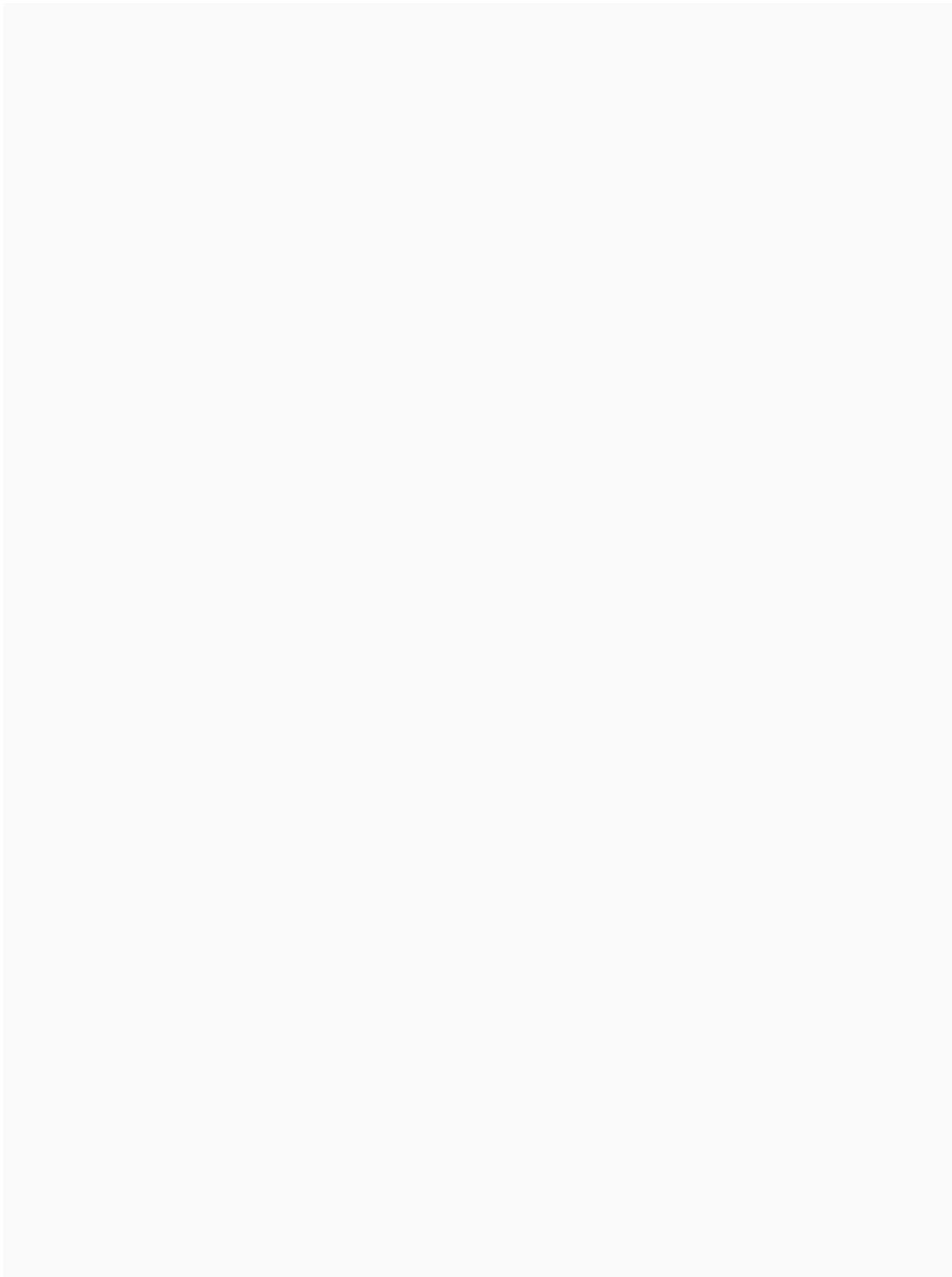
Retaining access to public lands surrounding Missoula as the community grows
Conserving natural resources, plant/animal habitat, carbon sequestration
Providing youth programs for environmental education, recreation, personal development
Economic benefits from events, employer recruitment, etc.

Acknowledgement that Missoula has many pressing issues at this time but that should not mean giving up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Meggie Girardi



Meggie Girardi

From: [Mitchell WerBell](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain Public Comment
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:22:42 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Mitch WerBell, I live in the Rose Park, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges, but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. This is a critical opportunity. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because my family and friends recreate in this amazing place so close to town, and our community has a very unique opportunity to preserve this land for future generations to enjoy. We can responsibly enhance this park and offer an amazing experience for every user and the resident wildlife.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Mitchell L. WerBell V

From: [Ryan Heuwinkel](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Please support the purchase and development of Marshal Mountain for public use
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:30:17 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Ryan Heuwinkel, a 9+ year resident of the University District. I previously lived in Missoula in the early 2000's but returned to Missoula in 2013 to raise my family here precisely because of the recreational opportunities available on public land near Missoula. That is really what make Missoula the special place it is. I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park because it is essential that our local government preserve Marshal Mountain for public recreational use. It is apparent that Missoula is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. As just one example, Marshall Mountain is essential to the continued operation of the Zootown Derailleurs youth cycling program that is loved by so many Missoula families. Also, as the population increases, the public lands surrounding Missoula have received more use and adding Marshall to the mix will reduce congestion in places like Mount Sentinel and Mount Jumbo, among others.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Ryan Heuwinkel

From: [Dr V MTB](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Open Space Bonds for Marshall Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:38:30 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Joachim Veit, a resident of Franklin to the Fort, and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall Mountain for current and future generations and the purchase is worthy of open space bond funding.

Its historic importance to the community as an outdoor recreation area cannot be overstated. At the moment, it is the ONLY public space in the area with dedicated mountain bike trails and is incredibly popular among participants in Missoula and the surrounding areas. Given the massive and steady increase in the sport over the last decade, there is no doubt that Missoula needs a community-run trail network to allow people of all skill levels to recreate.

Additionally, its value as a local self-powered ski area, sledding hill, and event venue makes it an obvious candidate for public purchase. Providing public spaces for sports that people of all ages are excited about will benefit public health and community engagement in the near and long term.

Even from a purely economic standpoint, the purchase is being offered at well below market value and a world-class bike trail network can bring in substantial tourist revenue to local shops, restaurants and hotels as it has for the many other cities across North America that have embraced investment in public mountain bike trail networks. I personally know several people who have traveled many hours just to sample the existing trails at Marshall and many more will certainly travel for the same as additional trails become available.

Please do not let this opportunity pass and approve the purchase of Marshall Mountain for the public. It would be incredibly sad if this park was not around for me to teach my kid to mountain bike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Joachim Veit

From: [Neil Miner](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall Mountain Public Ownership
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:46:08 AM

Dear Councilors and Commissioners,

My family and I live in Missoula County, within the City, and in the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood (Ward 6).

I am fully aware that we as a community are facing many hardships in regards to taxes raising faster than our wages, and commend all of you for all the hard work on the budgets and providing the necessary level of service that we expect, with the rising costs due to inflation.

With that said, we do not get opportunities to acquire and conserve such an amazing amenity like Marshall Mountain that often. This area has provided a lot of nostalgia over the years to residents, and it would be a shame if we are unable to protect it for public use in the future. The area provides the opportunity for a diverse mix of uses, and is able to support higher intensity of uses and events, than what is currently available in our community and region.

From after school groups, summer camps, environmental education, weddings, and races (national and local level), this site can accommodate a lot of people, support the local economy, and provide an amazing opportunity for locals. If you go up there on any snow day, summer evening, or fall weekend, the parking area is full, everyone has a smile, and laughter can be heard through the trees.

We cannot let this community resource slip through our hands, and it is totally worthy of spending the 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

My family and I appreciate your willingness to consider this purchase!

Thank you,

Neil, Ollie (4), Everett (7), and Rebecca Miner

From: [Caroline Lurgio](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Marshall mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:52:41 AM

Dear Council and Commission,

My name is Caroline Lurgio. I live in the Lewis and Clark area of Missoula and I'm writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I recognize that our community is currently facing many big challenges but I believe we must step up to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. The site is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding because:

1. It provides youth programs for environmental, recreational, and personal development. As a teacher in MCPS and a parent, I look at every decision with a lens that wants to help our future generations. Marshall Mtn offers so many opportunities.
2. It conserved natural resources, plant/ animal habitat, and carbon sequestration.
3. It retains access to public lands surrounding Missoula as the community grows.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Caroline Lurgio

From: [Brian Connelly](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:16:49 PM

Council members,

I am writing to urge you to listen to your good instincts and proceed with the plan to purchase Marshall Mountain. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Missoula and the price is actually quite cheap by comparison to other expenditures. The softball fields cost a whopping 51 million, and those were softball fields before the project began. The library, Mountain Line, Mountain Water are each an order of magnitude more expensive than this and all these things are what make Missoula a great place to live. There are no other canyons within 5 miles of Missoula where access is controlled by one parcel of land, this opportunity will not come again. Every time there is a new project like this there will be people who don't want to pay more taxes, I can understand that perspective as a fellow homeowner/taxpayer, but this is a small cost which uses an already approved open space bond, so it doesn't really carry any additional cost.

I know the Parks department has come up with an insane budget to maintain this project year in and out. I encourage you to take steps to rein them in and do less infrastructure work; MTB Missoula and skiers like myself have managed to use this land at very low cost for a decade plus and it can continue to serve us in that capacity with a smaller annual budget. Without it we are forced to drive to Lolo pass and burn more gas to get a similar experience for winter recreation. Without these mountain biking trails, the Rattlesnake main corridor, Pattee, and Blue Mountain will see a huge increase in bike traffic every day of the spring, summer, and fall. Dispersing impact and trail users is a benefit to all Missoulians who use trails to walk dogs, maintain their own physical and mental health, hunt, and fish, etc. Please move forward with the purchase. Delays to this process in the past have already resulted in an increased purchase price, but the biggest cost to Missoula would be losing this land forever.

Brian Connelly
1500 Phillips St.
59802

From: [Brian Morgan](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Enthusiastic support of acquiring Marshal Mountain!
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 1:02:16 PM

Hello to City Council and County Commissioners,

I've lived in Missoula for more than 30 years, and I strongly support acquiring Marshal Mountain for the good of our community. As someone who founded one of the first remote businesses in Missoula back in 1999 and eventually grew local payroll to include more than 40 full time employees, I can speak to how the success of my business was built on the incredible access to public lands at Missoula's doorstep. I was able to attract extraordinary individuals because of our open space access. Furthermore, I saw so many of my employees start and raise families, and the role that Parks and Rec has played in their lives is immeasurable. It is our outdoor recreation opportunities, and how families benefit from our open spaces on a daily basis, that attracts our vibrant work force.

I know that managing such spaces impacts property taxes, but the return on this investment far exceeds the cost. Over the years, I have built multiple residential and commercial rentals in the City and the County, and I feel the property tax burden, but again, investment in outdoor recreation for myself, my employees, and our families is one of the best uses of our tax money.

I hope we don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to add this amazing asset to our community.

Sincerely,
Brian Morgan
Founder, Adventure Life
UM Alum
30 year resident

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From: [Doug Grisham](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 1:34:09 PM

Dear Council Members,

My name is Doug Grisham and I live in Missoula at 1237 S 2nd St W. I am writing to support the use of 2006 and 2018 Open Space Funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park.

I believe that this is a rare opportunity for Missoula to conserve Marshall for current and future generations. It is important to me and worthy of open space bond funding. Marshall will be a huge asset and cement Missoula's national reputation for valuing wilderness/recreational open space so close to the city.

Thank you for considering my comment!

Sincerely
Doug Grisham

From: [Mickey Smith](#)
Subject: Marshall Mountain
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 2:05:59 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of using open space bond funds to purchase the Marshall Mountain property. The opportunity for the Marshall area to be in public hands is very important to our community. I understand other needs are present in our community, but that should not mean we lose sight on other goals important to us. The opportunity to acquire this space is here and not acting now will create more road blocks in the future. Marshall has been used by so many user groups over the years and it is time to formalize this place as a place to recreate outside. The long term vision of our community should include Marshall as a place to be outside. The details of what Marshall looks like in 20 years is less important than putting this place in public hands now.

Furthermore, I voted for the open space bond due to the language around parks and trails. So far most of those funds have gone to a sports facility, which I am in full support of, but little bond money has been allocated to public trails. Please support any move toward putting Marshall in public hands!

Thanks,

Mickey Smith, 634 Rollins Missoula MT 59801

From: [David Gray](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Ordinance Amending Title 18 Floodplain Hazard Management Regulations
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 6:10:41 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Good Evening City Council Members,

I see on your agenda for Monday October 2 you are looking at modifying Title 18 Floodplain Hazard management Regulations.

In the proposed language is a definition for **Historic Structures** which is being added and creates some concern for me. For some background I would like you to be aware of an issue I have discovered concerning Historic structures. Buildings that are individually listed on the Historic Register are required to have the written permission of the property owner to add the private property to the Historic Register. The Owner's signed document is kept on file with the Secretary of the Interior and the State Historic Preservation Office. Buildings that are considered "**Contributing**" to a Historic District are not required to have the owner sign a document authorizing to have their private property listed as "Contributing" in the Historic District. I have an email chain with the City Historic Preservation Officer and the State Historic Preservation office, I will gladly share with you, if you are interested. **When a building is Individually Listed or "Contributing" to a Historic District the property owner loses rights to maintain and modify their private property (this includes any buildings and land.)** The State **assumes** that the property owner of properties the State lists as "Contributing Resources" in a historic district agrees with the State's nomination for the Historic District if they do not specifically contact the State and petitions to not be a Contributing Resource to the proposed District.

In the language being added in Title 18, it is so vague, I think you may be unintentionally taking away private property rights with the added text of "or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register." or "or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district."

Below is the text copied out of the proposed modifications:

Historic Structure – any structure that is:

- a. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- b. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- c. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- d. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

It is unclear why this text is being added in the manner listed?

It is unclear if the Historic Structure's owner will be harmed or benefited by this new text?

I would encourage you to inquire with staff and professionals in the Civil Engineering field on how this new language could harm and benefit these private property owners of Historic significance properties. I have helped save and restore many Historic Resources in my career and the process of doing so has appeared to be murky as of late. I think the city should always try to be above board, encourage private property owners to embrace and preserve society's history that is beneficial to the property owner and the city. Let's not add barriers to Historic Preservation but allow Historic Preservation to freely occur throughout our community.

Historic Preservation awards I have received include:

- The Radio Central Building - Union Block - Tommy Lu Worden award for outstanding Historic Preservation,
- Lincoln School - Adaptive Reuse and restoration
- Scott Residence for compatible historic addition
- The LaFlesch Building - Historic Reconstruction
- The Pepper Pot - 4 Square residence historic renovation
- The Trask Apartments for compatible historic addition

Respectfully,

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Dear city councilors and county commissioners,

I am writing to express support for using open space bond funds to acquire Marshall Mountain Park. I moved to Missoula in 2015 and currently live in the Rattlesnake neighborhood. During my time here I have been continually impressed with how forward-looking the city and county have been in setting aside open space for the enjoyment of all residents. I feel that Marshall Mountain is a special opportunity to continue this tradition. I currently enjoy its purpose-built mountain bike trails and ski touring, both of which are unique in the Missoula area. However I also hope that in the future my infant son is able to attend educational programs and camps at Marshall and that I might be able to teach him to ski there as well. There are so many possibilities for the space and it clearly holds a special place in Missoulians' hearts as demonstrated by the outcry when public access to it was threatened. I sincerely hope the city and county will take action to preserve it.

Thank you for your consideration!

Christi Richards