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Board of County Commissioners
Via email: insert emails



Dear Board of County Commissioners:

We are excited to share a developing collaboration with you. The cities of Bellevue and Hailey, along with the Blaine County Recreation District, are exploring opportunities to work together with the potential new landowner of a portion of the "Flying Hat Ranch" between Hailey and Bellevue on the east side of Highway 75. We have had informal meetings with the potential property owners to better understand their intentions, and we feel the opportunity for a meaningful outcome for this parcel is possible because of the willingness for all parties to effectively work together.


Our organizations share many common values for the future of this property. Many community needs will be served through this collaboration, which include:

- Ensuring a visual separation between the cities of Hailey and Bellevue endures preserving the unique character of each of our towns;
- Support for a shared goal of no commercial development outside of city limits in rural Blaine County;
- New development in this area would address the critical need for community workforce housing, keeping both communities robust and vibrant;
- Connection of the Toe of the Hill trail between Hailey and Bellevue with the opportunity to develop new trails and connect into future trail networks on public lands;
- No hillside development between the two towns;
- The Wood River Trail will be protected as one of our key recreational assets, and expanded as opportunities arise;
- Existing natural vegetation and other natural features would be incorporated into any design;
- Ensuring proper wellhead protection to meet community needs;
- Our citizens, business community and other stakeholders would have ample opportunity to provide input as to their values and goals for development of this area via a robust public outreach process.

We envision a robust inclusive planning effort that would address community workforce housing, recreational amenities serving youth and the general public, and an expanded trail network. As such, we would anticipate coming to you over the next several months with a request to modify the Hailey and Bellevue Areas of City Impact between the two towns on the east side of Highway 75. It is our goal to work collaboratively to develop a shared vision for this area. We hope that you will support our efforts to develop a meaningful project that represents the needs of our communities.

Feel free to reach out to any one of us if you have additional questions.


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