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Comments: The Ravalli County Sheriff and Coroner's Office whole heartedly SUPPORTS the Bitterroot Front Project. This project covers 144,000 acres of the Bitterroot National Forest and will increase the public health and safety of the citizens (and visitors) in Ravalli County. It will protect our watersheds, reduce smoke emissions, enhance wildlife and human habitat and improve the local economy. Most importantly, it is the single best way to protect our citizens and first responders from the devastating effects of wildfire. The Northern Rockies are experiencing horrific fire seasons, beginning earlier and ending later every year with unprecedented intensity and significantly decreasing resources to combat fires. It is imperative that this project move forward to protect our population.