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Dear Senator Daines:

The Valley County Commissioners are very grateful for your opposition to the appointment of Deb Haaland to Secretary of Interior. Her record shows an alarming bias against the culture, values, and economy embraced by most Montanans. Agriculture, hunting, and wise use and development of our mineral wealth are things Montanans hold dear and that sustain our economies. We are proud of our beautiful state and work hard to maintain that beauty while being sustained by the bounty these lands provide. We fear that appointment of Deb Haaland to such a position of power will cost Montana and Montanans dearly through loss of jobs, increased cost of energy, disruptions in farming and ranching practices, and even restrictions on recreational use of public lands.

A specific question we have for Ms. Haaland is "What is your position on rewilding of public lands in the manner being pursued by the American Prairie Reserve? How does re-wilding square with BLM's multiple use mandate?"

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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