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Cindy Perdue-Dolan/Senator Steve Daines
30 W 14th St.
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RE: Gateway Community and Recreation Enhancement Act

Mrs. Perdue-Dolan and Senator Daines:

This bipartisan bill looks to be a great asset for the future of national parks especially the small ones like the Bighole National Battlefield and the small communities that are the gateway to them.

I know myself being a fourth-generation ranching family not far from the BHBNP being able to visit the site as a child and watch the change it has gone through over the last 70+ years has been amazing and inspiring.

It is a story that has a profound effect on my life and in a lot of ways shaped my feelings about how people treat people, or should.

I know that the two small communities in the area can use all the support they can get, Wisdom and Jackson.

I understand the somewhat cumbersome process of ticketing sure could be much improved with new technology that exists.

There for it is with great interest and thanks that Beaverhead County Commissioners support the passage of this bipartisan bill.

Sincerely,

C. Thomas Rice
Commissioner

Michael J. McGinley
Chairman

John H. Jackson
Commissioner