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Cc: Connie Poten; Anja Heister
Subject: Support for Ten Spoon -- Conservation Easement

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Dear Missoula City Council,

Thank you for your consideration of the conservation easement for Ten Spoon Vineyard & Winery. I hope that you will vote in favor of it!

Having lived in Missoula and been part of our wonderful community for the past 23 years, I truly value our open spaces. The unobstructed view of the surrounding mountains and even Lolo peak in the far distance is only one of the many reasons that make Ten Spoon so exquisite.

I have taken visitors—family members and friends—to Ten Spoon many times throughout the years, and *everyone* comments on how extraordinarily beautiful the area is. Ten Spoon provides many opportunities for entertainment, especially in the summer, and is a valued destination for families and other social gatherings. The community grape harvest in October is so special to me that I have never missed it since 2012!

While I realize there is a need for affordable housing in the Missoula community, there needs to be a balance between new growth and protecting open space. The latter is not only needed for our own human mental, physical, and emotional health but also for wild animals, who are using the Ten Spoon acreage as a much-needed corridor to travel from one mountain range to another, either in search of food, habitat, or mates.

Connie Poten and Andy Sponseller are giving us an incredibly generous gift.

Please support them and vote in favor of the Ten Spoon Conservation Easement.

Thank you,

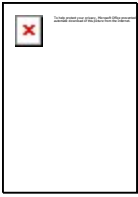
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This book critically analyzes the lethal approach to wildlife conservation, exposes human supremacy as the worldview that drives violence against nonhuman animals and destroys the planet, and emphasizes the importance of empathy and compassion for other animals in conservation.

"Celebrating Diversity ... Every Animal is an Individual Subject!"

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