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Dear the Members of the Board of Land Commissioners,

Valley County and the City of McCall recently held a joint public meeting on November 10, 2020 to discuss the endowment lands in McCall Area given the upcoming Land Board meeting where Idaho Department of Lands and Trident will both discuss their individual concepts for land use on Idaho State Endowment Lands in the McCall Area. We understand that IDL will present their structure for a McCall Area Management Plan and Trident Holdings will give an informational presentation on the Preserve McCall Proposal.

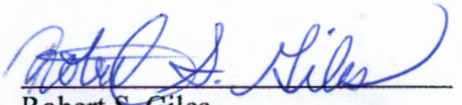
Payette Lake and the surrounding lands are the “crown jewel” for the McCall Area for many reasons. The area plays an important economic and environmental role for our jurisdictions. Recreational access and good land management is key and critical to the economy of the area. The City and County work together on the land use process to ensure a high quality of life for its citizens, second homeowners and visitors. Similarly, our planning considers the importance environmental protection of our resources. This area is the headwaters for the Payette River watershed and the drinking water source for the McCall community.

The City and County understand the purpose of endowment lands and the constitutional mandates associated with these lands. However, the decisions made on the IDL Lands will have significant impacts to our area. It is also known to be a very controversial topic based on the community feedback and over 500 comments generated to the Land Board, Valley County and the City of McCall. We only have one chance to do this right and there is no going back so we are asking the Land Board to carefully consider this with input from our local governments.

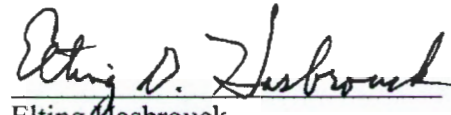
Therefore, we respectfully request the Land Board not make any decisions in the near future and extend the moratorium for a period of 6 months on new leases, auctions, or exchanges of any parcels. This time would allow us to review the McCall Area Management Plan and any other proposals, evaluate options, and work with key stakeholders, and IDL could directly engage with our jurisdictions. We believe in a collaborative relationship between the City of McCall, Valley County, and Idaho Department of Lands to hopefully meet the goals of the IDL and the community.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for an extension of the moratorium and final decisions on Endowment Lands around Payette Lake. We look forward to being a partner and working with you on thoughtful solutions.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Giles  
City of McCall Mayor



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