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Valley County Board of Commissioners  
219 N Main Street  
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## **RE: Request for Joint Meeting on the McCall Area of Impact**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the McCall City Council, this letter formally requests a joint meeting with the Valley County Board of Commissioners to address the McCall Area of Impact (AOI) and ensure adherence to the collaborative process established on September 27, 2024. Recent developments have raised significant concerns about the future of the AOI and the potential impact on city and county residents.

During our September joint work session, both parties agreed to a process that included public meetings, developing a city annexation plan, and adhering to a four-month timeline for initial actions. However, subsequent events appear to deviate from this framework, creating confusion and raising questions about the County's intentions.

During a December 9<sup>th</sup> public County Commissioner's meeting, a Commissioner suggested that the changes to the impact area were expected on an advanced timeline, which did not reflect the previous discussions held during the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Then at a meeting on December 18, 2024, regarding Valley County Codes for design guidelines and water quality protection, McCall city staff were presented with an outline of tasks prepared by Valley County staff, indicating plans to:

- Dissolve the joint Planning and Zoning Commission for the AOI.
- Repeal the McCall Area Comprehensive Plan and Impact Area codes.
- Apply new, county-wide codes, including to the former AOI.
- Implement a new planning framework, including adjustments to setbacks, scenic route design guidelines, and other development standards.

These proposed actions were shared by Valley County staff with apparent consent from a County Commissioner but have not been discussed publicly or within the framework established during the September 27 work session.

The McCall City Council is deeply concerned that these actions undermine the collaborative approach agreed upon earlier and create uncertainty for residents. Furthermore, the proposed changes jeopardize the AOI's critical role in managing growth, protecting resources, and aligning development standards.

We respectfully request a joint meeting at the earliest convenience to:

1. Clarify the timeline and process for AOI updates and ensure compliance with the state statute.
2. Address the discrepancies between the September 27 agreements and the proposed actions outlined during the December 18 meeting.
3. Reaffirm the collaborative approach necessary to preserve the integrity of our longstanding partnership.

The City of McCall remains committed to transparency, collaboration, and serving the best interests of our shared community. Please let us know your availability for this meeting. We are prepared to assist with logistics to facilitate a productive discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert S. Giles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent part.

**Robert S. Giles**

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