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Ms. Erica Hoffman, GIS/IT Manager Park County Government 414 E. Callender Street Livingston, MT 59047

Dear Ms. Hoffman,

On behalf of the City of Livingston, this letter is to serve as a letter of support for your Grant Application under the Montana Land Information Act, which supports our efforts to undertake Geographic Coordinate Database enhancement. The City of Livingston is a long standing partner with Park County Government, for the provision of GIS services to our shared constituents. Our commitment to the joint success of this program continues to be emphasized in the Livingston – Park County City-County Compact which includes the all-important partnership with GIS services.

Accurate GIS information, including maps, data, locations, and boundaries, is critical to many of our services, but is essential to public safety:

- 1. Livingston Fire Rescue depends on this data to accurately establish response boundaries in our mutual aid area to Park Rural Fire #1;
- 2. The 911 Dispatch center utilizes GIS/CAD system to assure accurate deployment of life-saving services in both the City and County;
- 3. Livingston Police Department has installed state of the art software that enables linking of law enforcement resources directly to the GIS database. This functionality allows for the use of spatial analysis techniques which aids in the prevention and detection of criminal activities and assists in the apprehension of criminals.

Please let me know of any opportunities where the City of Livingston and our partners in Park County to leverage our combined resources in furtherance of this project.

Very truly yours,

Lisa L. Lowy, MHA V Interim City Manager

