The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Kalispel Tribe of Indians request to re-designate the Kalispel Reservation to be a Class I air quality area under the Clean Air Act's prevention of significant deterioration program

## Dear Administrator Pruitt:

It has just come to the attention of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone and Benewah Counties in Idaho, that the Kalispel Tribe has applied to re-designate their reservation to a Class I air quality area under the Clean Air Act.

We have significant concerns regarding this application as it has effects well beyond the boundary of the reservation.

- 1. None of the aforementioned counties received any notification of this action.
- 2. There are significant concerns regarding the impacts to development in our communities
- 3. What is the science that suggests this is necessary?
- 4. What is the economic effect to our counties?

The chairmen of the respective counties, with full authority of their boards, respectfully request that this process be stopped and a full and open process with formal notifications to all affected by this proposal be reinstated.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Dan R. Dinning, Chairman, dated: ,

Boundary County Board of Commissioners

Marc Eberlein, Chairman, dated:

Kootenai County Board of Commissioners

Glen Bailey, Chairman, dated: 7/1,2/17
Bonner County Board of Commissioners

Jack Buell, Chairman, dated:
Benewah County Board of Commissioners

Patrick "Mike" Fitzgerald, Chairman, dated: Shoshone County Board of Commissioners

CC: Glen Nenema, Kalispel Tribal Chair, Ryan Zinke
United States Secretary of the Interior
EPA Region 10 Acting Regional Administrator Michelle Pirzadeh

## Teri Johnston

From:

Marc Eberlein

Sent:

Thursday, July 06, 2017 12:48 PM

To:

Bob Bingham; Chris Fillios

Cc:

Nancy Jones; Alethea Carpenter; Teri Johnston; Pat Braden; Dan Dinning

(ddinning@boundarycountyid.org)

Subject:

FW: Kalispel Tribe Letter

**Attachments:** 

Kalispel Tribe - Class I air quality.docx

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Bob, Chris, see attached letter KC is being requested to sign.

Nancy, Alethea, please add to Tuesday 7/11 biz meeting agenda; Letter to EPA Scott Pruitt requesting review of Class 1 proposal, authorize chairman to sign

Marc

From: Boundary Commissioners [mailto:commissioners@boundarycountyid.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:42 AM

To: dbramblett@benewahcounty.org; gbailey@bonnercountyid.gov; Marc Eberlein <meberlein@kcgov.us>;

mfitzgerald@co.shoshone.id.us **Subject:** Kalispel Tribe Letter

## Gentlemen:

Attached is the letter that action will need to be taken on next week for you to agendize. Boundary County will sign it first, then we will start emailing scanned copies to each county to return to us so we can forward it on with signatures (in color) to others. The concern of this is that outside of the preservation boundary there exists an impact area that should a development occur within it, it may necessitate an analysis as to whether or not it will affect the air quality over the reservation. Of greatest concern to me is that neither the Kalispel Tribe nor EPA thought enough considered it necessary to notify counties that may be impacted by this designation.

Hopefully you can agendize and Michelle will coordinate the signing and emails on Monday and Tuesday.

Thank you.

Dan Dinning