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LAKE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SWAN FOREST INITIATIVE UPDATE

SWAN STUDY PUBLIC COMMENT GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **1384** total comments at closing on **8/31/2017**.
- **423** of these comments were from Lake County Residents.
- **111** comments were from Swan Valley Residents (47 opinions/comments were from Lake County Swan Valley residents and 64 were from non-Lake County Swan Valley residents).

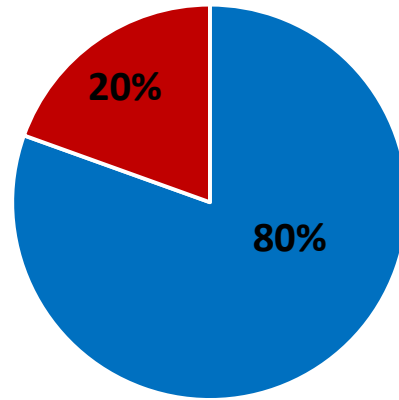
In accordance with the Montana Right to Know law, all comments are available for viewing at the Lake County Conservation District office at 64352 US Highway 93, Ronan, MT 59864; or copies of the public comment can be provided via mail or email for a processing fee. If you need more information, contact Heidi Fleury at 406-676-2841x102 or lakecountycd@ronan.net.

MEETING RESULTS FROM 9/14/2017:

The Lake County Conservation District (LCCD) met on Thursday, September 14th, to decide if the idea of establishing a 60,000 acre Conservation Forest on federal lands, in the Swan Valley, in Lake County should be pursued or dropped. The public comment period ended on August 31. We received 1384 opinions/comments, of which 80% of these opinions opposed the concept. Lake County residents submitted 423 of the opinions/comments—54% of which supported the concept. Swan Valley residents submitted 111 opinions/comments—85% of which opposed the concept.

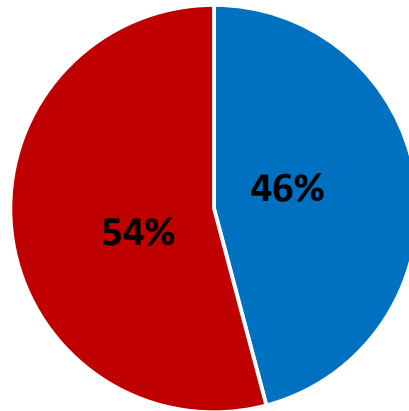
After considerable deliberation, the LCCD voted 4 to 2 in favor of continuing to work on the concept. (Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Carlos Rodrigues and Jim Simpson in favor of continuation; Curt Rosman and Susan Gardner were opposed; and voting member Mark McGuyer was absent). The next step is to contact members of our congressional delegation, explain the concept of a Conservation Forest, and identify the path forward at the federal level.

Total For or Against Swan Study
TOTAL COMMENTS = 1384



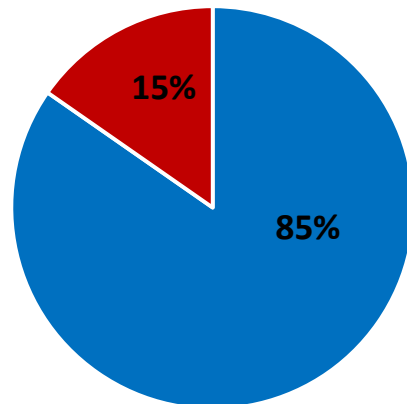
■ Total Against: 1114 ■ Total For: 270

Lake County Residents*
For or Against Swan Study
TOTAL COMMENTS=423



■ Lake County Residents Against: 194 ■ Lake County Residents For: 229

Swan Valley Residents*
For or Against Swan Study
TOTAL COMMENTS=111



■ Against: 94 ■ For: 17

*Total Lake County and total Swan Valley resident votes (534 total) are part of the 1384 votes, they are broken out for analysis purposes. Of the 423 Lake County resident votes 47 of these are also counted in the Swan Valley Resident votes.