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Scott Lyons, Philipsburg Councilperson  
Town of Philipsburg  
104 S. Sansome St.  
Philipsburg, MT 59858

Dear Councilperson Lyons,

This letter is to inform you that, according to the requirements set forth by MONT. CODE ANN. § 7-6-1501-1509 (2023), the town of Philipsburg qualifies as a resort community and is, with this letter, designated as such by the Montana Department of Commerce. This decision is based on facts presented in the "Philipsburg Resort Community Designation Report," prepared by Commerce's Senior Economist, Benjamin Gill. Mr. Gill analyzed the Philipsburg community in accordance with the statutory requirements.

According to the report, the town of Philipsburg meets the criteria of being an incorporated municipality with a population of less than 5,500 residents which derives more than 50% of its economic well-being related to current employment from businesses catering to the recreational and personal needs of persons traveling to or through the area for purposes not related to their income production and excluding economic activity from health care, schools, government, and other services that primarily benefit residents. Data provided in the report indicate that more than 50% of the area's total employment comes from the non-business travel segment of the area's economy.

Due to the confidential nature of the employment and wage data contained within the "Philipsburg Resort Community Designation Report", a summarized version of the report will be provided for your use in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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**Scott Osterman**

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