


## Commissioner


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**From:** Haacke, Laura <laura.haacke@mso.umt.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:49 PM  
**To:** Commissioner  
**Subject:** FREE Cybersecurity Clinic coming to Philipsburg – Can You Help Us Share?

**CyberMontana is hitting the road** and we're bringing a free Cybersecurity Clinic to **Philipsburg** on **Wednesday, June 11th**! This event is **open to the public** and part of our commitment to raise cybersecurity awareness in all 56 Montana counties.

Whether you're a small business owner, a senior, a student, or just someone who uses a phone or computer - **you're invited**.


 **When:** Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

 **Lunch Break:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

 **Where:** Philipsburg Library

Morning Topics:

 **Password safety**

 **Multi-factor authentication**

 **Software updates**

 **Browser security**

Afternoon Topics:

 **How to spot phishing**

 **Social media safety**

 **Remote work precautions**

We'd be so grateful if you could help us share this event with your network or community. Attached is a flyer and here's a direct registration link:

 <https://forms.office.com/r/TjQ2RVpQce>

**Thanks for supporting a safer, more cyber-aware Montana!**

Warmly,

*Laura Haacke*

**SAT Special Project Coordinator**

**CYBERMONTANA**

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**CYBERMONTANA**

# DIGITAL PRIVACY CLINIC

## About the Clinic

No technical expertise required—just come ready to boost your cyber security knowledge!

You'll learn practical, easy-to-follow strategies to protect yourself and your information online. Whether you're a business owner looking to bolster your company's cyber-security posture or an individual looking to improve your personal security, this clinic is for you.

All clinics are **FREE!**

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...



#### Multi-Layer Protection

Learn from industry experts where your information is most vulnerable.



#### Best Practices

Develop best practices to browse safely and protect your privacy in the digital world.



#### Dates & Location

Philipsburg Library  
June 11th  
10 am - 3 pm  
Hour lunch break at noon.



Email: [info@cybermontana.org](mailto:info@cybermontana.org)

Web: [cybermontana.org](http://cybermontana.org)



## Maranda Williams

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**From:** Blaine Bradshaw  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:32 AM  
**To:** Tangedahl, Lee  
**Subject:** Re: Lakeshore Drive, lake level - THANKS

Lee:

Thanks for the update and comments, they are appreciated! I will forward your comments now to the commissioners.

Thanks,  
Blaine

Sincerely,  
Blaine C Bradshaw  
Granite County Attorney  
Tel.: 406-859-3541

On May 22, 2025, at 11:25 AM, Tangedahl, Lee <lee.tangedahl@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

Blaine,

Could you pass a couple items to the commissioners or should I send them and email?

First, thanks for the snowplowing on Lakeshore Drive this past winter, Granite county's snowplow is always a welcome sight on Lakeshore Drive.

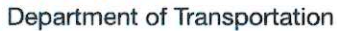
Second, I just talked to Cameron Rasor and he explained that in spite of staff and budget cuts he is going to proceed with the upgrade to Lakeshore Drive, last year's improvement is holding up very well - all good news. It is also hugely encouraging to hear that Granite county is going to step up and also provide upgrades to Lakeshore Drive - THANK YOU AGAIN. As much in road upgrades as possible would really be appreciated. (I believe we cabin owners will be helping you out by paying even more in property taxes thanks to the new tax rate on second homes.)

Finally, I have been watching the lake level and clearly you are monitoring it well. I hope you will be able to fill up the lake this year, it's only a few inches low but that's a lot of water that may be needed late in the summer. There's still a lot of snow up by Warm Springs, but it may trickle off slowly like it did last year.

Thanks again,

Lee Tangedahl  
cabin owner on Lakeshore Drive





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MDT-DIR-002 Newsrelease

Granite County Commissioners  
220 N. Sansone St.  
Philipsburg, MT 59858

05/19/2025

I am writing to you on behalf of 38 individual homeowners in the Lost Sapphire III subdivision, plus three other land owners not in our subdivision but own land at the end of East Fork Road. As usual the spring snow runoff and rain has deteriorated the road surface so much that it causes damage to vehicles who have to drive it every day. I know you and the road department are well aware of this annual condition so it needs no elaboration. Some of our HOA members are asking about the county's plans for grading/gravelling that portion of the road between Kokopelli Ranch driveway and Viking Lane, where the road turns from pavement to dirt/gravel. One of our members, former Granite County Commissioner Chuck Hinkle, suggested I ask about PILT money which he says the county is about to lose, and which might hopefully be helpful toward the work on East Fork.

I understand the road crew has their own schedule but I'm hoping you can provide some kind of timetable I can forward to our members. It's pretty bad out here.

Thanks in advance,



Rick McGill  
For the Board of Directors,  
Lost Sapphire Ranch Owners' Association, Inc.

## Maranda Williams

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**From:** Rick McGill <rmcgill@blackfoot.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** Maranda Williams  
**Cc:** Pat Walsh  
**Subject:** East Fork Road maintenance  
**Attachments:** East Fork Road maintenance.pdf

Hi, Miranda.

I'm writing as a member of the board of directors of Lost Sapphire Ranch Owners Association with a question for the commissioners regarding maintenance on East Fork Road. It always gets bad in the spring, and now it's just beating our vehicles to death. Some of our members are asking the board to contact the county for an update on road work. I'm attaching a letter for the commissioners to this email, if you can forward it to them, hopefully for a reply I can forward to our members. I know the commissioners and the road crew do what they can, and I didn't want to take up time on their meeting agenda just to ask the question.

Many thanks in advance,

Rick McGill  
*Lost Sapphire Ranch III Owners Assoc.*  
*1 Aspen Dr. Philipsburg, MT 59858*  
406-560-1462



FEMA

May 12, 2025

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Blanche McLure  
Chairperson, Granite County  
Board of Commissioners  
Post Office Box 925  
Philipsburg, Montana 59858-0925

Dear Chairperson McLure:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for Granite County, Montana, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on August 19, 2025; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated February 19, 2025, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Granite County. Therefore, Granite County should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for Granite County will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. You may contact Traci Sears, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (406) 444-6654, in writing at 1424 Ninth Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601-1601, or by electronic mail at [tsears@mt.gov](mailto:tsears@mt.gov).

The FEMA Regional staff in Denver, Colorado, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant



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floodplain management measures will provide protection for Granite County and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (303) 235-4975 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region 8, at the Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Box 25267, Denver, Colorado 80225.

You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until August 19, 2025, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by August 19, 2025. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Additional information on community suspensions as proposed, other notices of current NFIP community status information, and details regarding updated publication requirements of community eligibility status information under the NFIP can be found on the Community Status Book section of our website at [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book). Notices for scheduled suspension will be available on the National Flood Insurance Community Status and Public Notification section of our website at [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification). Individuals without internet access will be able to contact their local floodplain management official and/or NFIP State Coordinating Office directly for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Sears", with a stylized, flowing script.

Rachel Sears, Director  
Floodplain Management Division  
Mitigation Directorate | FEMA



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cc: Katherine Fox, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 8  
Traci Sears, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation  
Linda Bouck, County Planner, Granite County