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Mission: Providing education and inspiring action to cultivate a healthy environment.

Dear EcoCamp Families,

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC) staff and board has decided to cancel both weeks of overnight ERC EcoCamp during summer 2020 amid COVID-19 concerns.

Safety is always the top priority at EcoCamp. Due to the nature of EcoCamp, a remote, natural, close-knit, camping experience with no running water we are unable to offer campers or staff a safe place at camp during this global pandemic.

This decision was not made lightly, recognizing the impact this will have on campers, families, staff, and camp partners. Summer camp is vital to personal growth and development, mental health, connecting with camp friends, exploration, and more. In particular, the EcoCamp experience inspires the next generation of environmental stewards who will be essential in maintaining a global environment that fosters human health and environmental well-being.

In the meantime, we are developing new safe alternatives that we hope to provide to the community during summer 2020. These alternatives will align with social distancing recommendations and requirements. We hope these alternatives will be able to foster a sense of community, be engaging, and relevant to Blaine County. Our plan is to announce these in early June.

If you have already made a deposit for EcoCamp, it will be refunded in full to you or transferred to a tax-deductible donation to the ERC pending your direction.

We look forward to when we connect with you all again in person and are already looking forward to EcoCamp 2021.

Alisa McGowan

ERC Program Director