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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street
Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840


To the Commissioners;

As a pilot and hangar owner at the Ravalli County Airport, I am urging you to approve plan 4B for the airport improvements.

It covers all the safety issues that concern the FAA, and does so at NO COST to the county. This is a free investment for our county that can bring only good results.

I would assume that closing the airport would produce a loss of revenue to the county by way of taxes and leases. That surely would not be good.

The people that fly in to the airport also bring a lot of income to the local community by shopping in the area, and many decide to live here and buy a home.

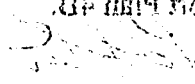
Please support Plan 4B.

Bill Posten
642 Willow Creek Crossroad
Corvallis MT 59828

October 17, 2012

Ravalli County Commissioners
515 S. 4th Street
Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59801

To the Commissioners:

As a pilot and partner owner of the Ravalli County Airport, I am writing you to approve
Plan 4B for the airport improvements.
It covers all the safety issues that concern the FAA and does so at 50 COST to the
county. This is a free investment for our county that can bring only good results.
I would assume that closing the airport would produce a loss of revenue to the county by
way of taxes and leases. That surely would not be good.
I do hope that if in the airport also bring a lot of income to the local community by
shopping in the area and many decide to live here and buy a home.

Please support Plan 4B.

Bill Foster
642 Willow Creek Crossroad
Corvallis, MT 59828

Glenda Wiles

From: Brett Mildenberger [brett@legacypinesinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 6:51 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Website Email - why 5200'

Commissioners,

A 5200 runway is important to me! I am a private pilot of 34 years with instrument,/multiengine/CE550 jet ratings. I fly single engine planes mostly but have flown a Kingair C90 and a light jet Citation based in Hamilton previously. The safety margin that 5200 affords from an aircraft ranging a high performance single to a light jet is tremendous. Balance field length for a light jet leaves little margin of error at 4200' so 5200 makes a much safer alternative! I would be glad to show you the numbers? Even a contaminated contaminated, such as wet, ice, or snow patches, can be marginal in a single engine aircraft at 4200'. Both take off and landings (riskiest phase of flying) is improved. The number of options available to all pilots flying different categories of aircraft will certainly increase safety. So if a mid-sized jet might occasionally land at the airport. . so what harm is this? Do I or anyone else control who lives in the Bitterroot valley? Most of the midsize jets are quieter with newer technology more efficient engines too!

As a side note in Canada they require 5000' runways for medevac in certain area.

My vote is #4b to improve Ravalli County's runway the correctly! This is your chance to make the airport safer! DO IT!

Sincerely,

Brett Mildenberger

Dr. Brett Mildenberger
Hamilton, Montana
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Glenda Wiles

From: Bryan Gold [bryan@canyonlakehelicopters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Airport Runway Expansion

Commissioners,

As a flight instructor working out of the Ravalli County Airport pretty much everyday for the last two years, I have seen the benefits that our airport brings to the local economy in Ravalli County firsthand. You as commissioners know the benefits as well, and I would encourage all of you to make the right decision in regards to our airport.

Our airport is an essential piece of infrastructure that must be built up, not torn down! I feel that option 4B is the best option on the table as it will provide room for future growth.

Please let my support be noted,

Bryan Gold
Canyon Lake Helicopters