

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** chuck dewitt [chuck.dewitt@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 3:55 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** airport expansion

Dear Commissioner,

I write to advise that it is not in the best economic or lifestyle interest of the vast majority of the valley citizens to expand the airport to accommodate larger airplanes.

1. Safety- Current airport is safe; if it were not, the FAA would hold it non-compliance. Expanded runway just means that larger jets designed for an even longer runway will force the safety envelope as they do currently.
2. Economic Development- No proof that a longer runway would attract the 100's of employees that it would take to justify the millions required for the expansion. What industry is it that is dying to locate here that requires a high altitude 1 1/2 season airport?

Current runway is perfect for current users, and tolerable for the vast majority of valley residents. The infinitesimal few who require larger jets can journey to MSO and drive the same distance that they do at the majority of western, alpine resort destinations (e.g. Jackson, Aspen, Vail, Sun Valley, etc.).

Is a few larger jets really worth the dollars and years that it is going to take to implement this project?

Respectfully,  
Chuck DeWitt

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**From:** Doug Nation [douglas.p.nation@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 4:00 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Airport Expansion

Dear Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen of Ravalli County, I urge you choose the least expensive option when deciding on the reconfiguration of the Ravalli County Airport. A significant part of the cost of airport reconfiguration will be borne by the county citizens and extending the runway to 5,200 feet will not provide any benefit for that cost. The advantages that the airport currently supplies the average citizen, firefighting capability through SEAT aircraft and med-evac, are adequately serviced with the current 4,200 foot runway. We all agree that we need to make our airport safe, but lengthening the runway to 5,200 will only encourage bigger jets to use the facility and will provide no benefit to the average citizen.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Dan [dcloud9@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:24 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners

Dear Commissioner:

With all of the 'options' on the table, I still recommend what was previously approved, option 2A

Please limit the length of the runway to 4,200 feet with overruns.....

Respectfully,

Dan DePauw

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