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**From:** Patrice Promack [ppromack@yahoo.com]  
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Just read a recent article in the Ravalli Republic that included this quote from Suzy Foss: "We have people in the hospital right now because of the smoke we had this year". It seems like Suzy (and the other 4 commissioners too?) forget that the vast majority of the smoke came from Idaho, way outside of the Ravalli County area. I was at the meeting wherein Suzy spoke these words, and wondered if she (and the other 4 commissioners?) believe that the Natural Resources Policy (which is sadly misguided) that is being proposed by the commissioners (yes, I know, the commissioners were not the originators) can actually decrease the smoke even when it comes from far away (as did the majority of the smoke this awful summer)?

I was at an earlier commissioners meeting wherein the Policy was being discussed and my jaw dropped when Suzy said she felt that the National Forest Service should be held to the same standards (in terms of smoke) in a wildfire as in a controlled burn. Although my initial impression of her was that she was an intelligent woman, I must say that the ridiculousness of that idea drastically changed that initial impression.

Please do not push this policy through. You should know by now (if you are reading the Ravalli Republic) that there is a lot of opposition to this policy, and to pretend that it expresses the the opinion of the vast majority of the Ravalli County residents is not only wrong, it is counter to your responsibility as elected officials. True, the voices against it have begun to speak only recently...but this is not a wedding (as in "speak now or forever hold your peace") and the discussion about what TRULY represents the citizens of Ravalli County (in a Natural Resource Policy) is **not complete**.

Sincerely,  
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