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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Chris Taggart
Cc: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Burn Ban

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing a plea to consider a burn ban for our region as many of us struggle with health, particularly with lungs, through the pandemic.

I am not a confirmed positive case, as I have not traveled, cannot say that I have been in contact with another confirmed positive case, nor do I need hospitalization, yet. For this reason, and despite my doctor's recommendation, I have not received a test (I have been extremely ill for 3 weeks, so far). My doctor is very concerned that I am positive due to several factors, but that is not the purpose of this letter.

I just want to reference my personal struggles with trying to stay out of the hospital, as I grow worse each day due to the severity of my symptoms which are being worsened daily by the constant presence of strong fire smoke from nearby properties having fires every day. There is no way anyone can get better with Covid19 or any form of pneumonia with this going on. As a rancher, I understand the needs of the community, but also feel there are other options to burning, or if not, delaying burning will suffice if it means it could potentially save lives and/or keep people out of the hospital.

Not only am I concerned for my own health, but for the health of others as this virus continues to spread over the following weeks and months. The smoke is causing lung pain, coughing, breathing issues, bloody nose, etc. and is very serious, and will continue to be extremely serious for those with Covid19.

I urge you to please consider the severity of this request and place a temporary burn ban for Ravalli and other counties effective immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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