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Ravalli County Planning Dept.

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To whom it may concern:

Since we are unable to attend the county meeting, we are requesting that our voice be heard regarding the discussion and decisions on application of magnesium chloride on roadways for dust control, particularly on Alvista Loop.

It can be said that Alvista Loop is one of the steepest roads in the county and as such, the presence of washboards and difficult terrain for day to day travel is very hard on vehicles. Application of magnesium chloride provides a sound base for these washboards to be eliminated, thus, negating the need for more frequent road grating throughout the course of the summer. The elimination of dust is also a benefit to those on the road.

We are respectfully requesting that the road department, commissioners and those involved in this decision take into consideration the aforementioned and make a motion to commence with the abatement of Alvista Loop.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank-you and regards,

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The issue here today seems to be: Magnesium Chloride on our roads that have no hard surfacing. Magnesium Chloride seems to work as a hardening agent, to give the road crews, a way to partially harden the road surface. Which in most cases helps.

We are told that the maintenance department does not have the time or money to do this. If we look into this, we find that much of the maintenance crew has been eliminated. The budget has been cut.

Why?

Through a , the hand is quicker than the eye tactic, we have, instead of 3 county commissioners, like the rest of the state and our country, we have 5 county commissioners. This county seems to be spending more money on administration and less on maintenance, and maintained workers.

We could go back to 3 county commissioners , but it seems that, that would be too complicated and costly.

Maybe if we are tricked into hiring more commissioners, we could eliminate all the road maintenance people and all the county money could be used by administration.

Talk about BIG GOVERNMENT.

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Alvista Loop
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