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From: James R. Olsen

To: Ravalli County Health Board

Subject: Proposed targeted changes to waste water regulation

Reference: Ravalli County Subsurface Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Regulations recorded 1/4/2011.

The purpose of this proposal is to address the rising number of involuntary homeless people in Ravalli County — which is due in very large part to the lack of affordable housing. The most common strategy for people with income, but who cannot find rentals or purchase is to reside in a trailer or camper — at RV parks or at other campgrounds or private property.

The current regulations regarding private property do not recognize the current situation, seeming to be intended for someone who has the fund and ability to build, with the trailer a short-term transition. This is no longer the case.

Propose a targeted change to the current regulation to correct this.

Last sentence 1.8.B “Camping.”

Change:

“Camping may be extended for more than 30 days but on longer than 180 days with prior Department approval of an appropriate Wastewater disposal plan that complies with these regulations and includes a deadline for ending Camping on the particular tract of record.”

To:

Camping may be extended for more than 30 days if there is a Department approved Wastewater Disposal Plan and Permit.

Regards,



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