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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Golf Course Road Trail

Dear Commissioners,

I am Megan Yockey, a former Golf Course Road resident and cross country runner, and I support Bike Walk Bitterroot's request for the County to pursue a Transportation Alternatives grant to construct a trail along Golf Course Road. Growing up a few houses down from Golf Course Road, I was warned countless times that drivers aren't always looking for pedestrians and that Golf Course is a particularly dangerous stretch. I worry when I see kids who walk or ride their bikes to and from school along the narrow edge of the dangerous road, while understanding that they have no other option at this point. All people who live in that area have been put in danger by the lack of a safe trail on Golf Course Road. The running community in the valley has been deeply affected by Robert's death both through his family's ties to running in the Bitterroot and by the ugly truth that all of us are in danger every time we run along a road like Golf Course. This trail will provide a place for all members of our community to walk, run, and bike without fear of another tragedy taking place. It is Ravalli County's responsibility to ensure that another devastating loss will not come at the hands of Golf Course Road. I urge you to approve this project.

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