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From: Dale <dalewill59833@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Klements Lane road surface

Dear Commissioners,

I have owned my home at 5656 Klements Lane since 1994. Both of my children graduated from Florence High School and would ride the school bus which turns around in my driveway. I appreciate the services I receive from the Ravalli County Government. One of which is the attention to snow plowing due to Klements Lane being on the school bus route.

I am writing you at this time as I understand that at the next Ravalli County Commissioners' meeting you may be discussing the possibility of "un-paving" Klements Lane in Florence. I strongly oppose this as an option. There are good reasons new developments and their developers are required to go to the expense of paving roads in their developments and it is not just because it is more attractive. The resulting dust from unpaved roads is a major component in air pollution during the times it is dry. I cannot imagine that the annual maintenance of a gravel or dirt road does not far exceed the maintenance required for a properly paved road or even the expense of continuing to fill the potholes in our currently paved road. In addition, a gravel, or worse, dirt road impacts the property values of all lots and homes that are located on the road. This in turn would negatively impact the County's property tax collections. Finally, I can almost guarantee that your County Road personnel will be fielding a great many more calls and complaints than they current receive if Klements Lane was converted to a gravel or dirt road.

Sincerely,
Dale L. Williams

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