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Hello:

I am writing regarding today's Ravalli County meeting in which pavement removal for several streets in Florence is under consideration.

This is a TERRIBLE idea. I live on one of the streets which you propose to turn to dirt: Carlton Drive. Thirty homes are packed into this small development, which includes Helen Court and N. Barbara Drive. There is a considerable amount of traffic to and from these homes, and many homes are close to the streets themselves. The amount of dust generated by the constant traffic would be intolerable to many of us who live in this area. The pavement is in poor shape, but patching a few potholes occasionally would surely be more economical than dumping gravel onto the existing road, which will require regular grading. I would prefer potholed old pavement to a new dirt/gravel road!

Dirt roads are not a problem in themselves, but they should only be used (and maintained) in more rural areas with lower population densities. Many of the streets for which you propose to remove pavement are in developed suburban areas with closely spaced homes. These are NOT appropriate for dirt roads, and indeed represent a reversal of progress which the local government (yourselves) is supposed to promote.

Finally, why was no notice given to residents of these areas regarding this 'pavement removal' proposal? At the very least, notice should have been mailed to residents of the streets, well in advance, of this proposal. Perhaps you are trying to ensure a lack of local input?

Thank you for considering my viewpoint, and I sincerely hope that this awful 'pavement removal' proposal is quashed.

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