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**From:** JOHN SANDIE FRICK <jsfrick@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:49 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Unpaving of county roads

Dear Ravalli Co. Commissioners,

This is in regard to the possible unpaving of Lower Woodchuck Rd. in Florence. We live at 5858 Lower Woodchuck Rd. We were surprised to learn of this because it makes no sense. When we installed our drive way approach, Ravalli County regulations required us to pave the approach because it is a paved road, we were glad to do so. Lower Woodchuck has a lot of traffic. The MPG Ranch is at the end of this road. They employ many people. At certain times of the day, there is a lot traffic going back and forth. Sometimes MPG uses heavy equipment and trucks for their projects. This causes considerable wear and tear to the road. To return it to a dirt road would be a step backward. A dirt road would creat extreme dust and wash boarding. Also Browns Greenhouse is located on this road and they have a lot of traffic during the summer. Returning Lower Woodchuck to a dirt road would also affect property values in a negative way. In all our years we have never heard of unpaving a county maintained road. We will be consulting with our lawyer, if Lower Woodchuck Rd. is unpaved as you are proposing, you will be hearing from our lawyer. We ask that you keep us informed as to how you will proceed, paved or unpaved.

Sincerely,  
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