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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office; Rob Livesay  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Elk Ridge Subdivision

Dear Commissioners,

I understand you all have a meeting this week concerning the Elk Ridge Subdivision. I ask you to please consider a neighbor's perspective. My wife and I own and live on 5 acres adjoining this property on the west side off of Dry Gulch Rd. We moved here in 2015 and bought this property in 2020 to enjoy a Montana way of life. We have absolutely loved it!! Until now, this development as proposed is bringing the city to the country. I am asking you to please consider the existing neighborhood and propose larger parcels for the subdivision. Surely 5 acre lots would be more in line with a Montana way of life then 1 acre lots here in the "country". If you approve this subdivision, what will happen with Mr, Pullman's 89 acre field to the South and East across Dry Gulch Rd when it is sold someday, it is probably even more buildable, as well as other properties on up Dry Gulch Rd. I realize there is a need for housing here but I think having bigger lots in these rural subdivisions would better keep intact the Montana way of life we all enjoy.

When I met the developer last summer he was quick to assure us that there would not be houses due east of our home on the flat land of the developing property. He said and I quote " that will be a green and common area for the residents". (it is now proposed as 1 acre lots) I wish him no ill will but to tell us that and now seeing the plans and their proposal, it just makes it hard to believe the things they say they're going to do to fix, things such as the water issues. They say they are fixing it but they are also adding an incredible amount of water runoff from all the proposed rooftops and streets and driveways. Who is going to be sure that it gets done??

We also enjoy seeing the wildlife in the neighborhood here and it's sad to think that we are turning this perfectly beautiful tract of rural Montana into this many homes and streets, and the wildlife will be run out looking for new homes. As a last thought, Isn't Montana supposed to be The Last Best Place?? This neighborhood will certainly no longer be that if this is approved. I may have rambled, I apologize I am just not thrilled at all to have this many homes proposed for our "backyard".

Thanks for your time,

Randy Weaver

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