

Glenda Wiles

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To: Glenda Wiles
Cc: Susan Latimer
Subject: Airport Expansion (for the commissioners)

Dear Commissioners,

We understand that public comment is underway regarding expanding the Hamilton airport. So here is our comment.

We have never understood the upside/value added of increasing the size of the airport. Is Delta Airlines going to make us a destination, no! So it appears abundantly clear that the only people who will truly benefit are those with private jets that currently must land in Missoula.

And out of 40,000 Ravalli residents, how many own private jets? We certainly don't and urge you to discontinue efforts to spend money that will not do anything for our county.

If there are convincing arguments 'pro' expansion – we have yet to hear them. I'm sure 'jobs' is one rationale but they will be few and temporary.

The obvious anti-expansion includes noise, environmental impact and exclusivity of use for a very small percentage of our citizens. And undoubtedly – even though the FAA is said to be bearing the brunt of the costs - there will be fiscal impact on Ravalli County taxpayers.

Peter and Susan

P.S. In light of the recent election and at least two new Commissioners coming on board, we ask that you table this issue until they are in place because they will inherit this situation.



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