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Dear Mr. Norderud,

As a citizen of Ravalli County, Montana, I want to express my opposition to the planned expansion of the Ravalli County Airport as outlined as the preferred option in the EA recently completed by your firm, Robert Peccia & Associates.

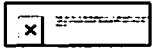
The reasons for my opposition are numerous, but my primary objections are as follows:

- 1) 1) The need for this proposed expansion is based on unsubstantiated B II flight operations numbers that appear to be, at a minimum, exaggerated if not totally fabricated. I am opposed to extending the length of the runway to more than the current 4,200' length.
- 2) 2) The main benefits to the average Ravalli County citizen of our regional airport, forest fire attack by SEAT aircraft and medical evacuation, are adequately served by our current airport configuration. The cost to Ravalli County of this airport expansion project is significant and provides no additional benefit to the average citizen.
- 3) 3) The published EA gives inadequate consideration to the effect of airport expansion on sensitive wildlife, especially the bull trout population in upper Gird Creek.

Because of these reasons, among others, I urge the Ravalli County Commissioners to reject the preferred option listed in the most recent EA. I believe an alteration of the current facility to the extent suggested as the preferred option in this EA warrants an EIS to adequately address the economic and environmental impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best Regards,



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cc: Board of Ravalli County Commissioners