

Glenda Wiles

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Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Ravalli County Airport

Attn: Ravalli County Commissioners
Attention: County Airport
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RE: Ravalli County Airport

Commissioners:

We are writing in opposition to the lengthening of the runway at the Ravalli County Airport. There has already been enough money spent on feasibility studies and the FAA at one time approved widening the runways, however, nothing was done based on the prior study. Enough already.

We live in Weber Estates which is just off Golf Course Road and we are in the flight path of the current airport. We bought our land 25 years ago and built our home on the piece of land 21 years ago. We chose this particular location because of the beauty, serenity and QUIETNESS of the area. We have been good citizens of this community and the thought of having larger planes coming into this airport is beyond belief. This would include noise, contaminants, volume, diminished property values in this area and later expense to present residents.

Upgrades to the current airport can be done without lengthening any runways. There are approximate 40,000 residents in this BEAUTIFUL Bitterroot Valley and the airport serves only an extremely small percentage of all these citizens. The only persons that would benefit from any expansions would be the wealthy members of the Stock Farm. There would be no benefit for jobs with this airport expenditure (except for short term during any considered construction workers) and the "party" that presently owns the land where these changes are being considered.

Right now our county needs to be putting their priorities in a way different area. Our county roads are in shameful need of repairs (try driving down Daly Avenue where one of our prime grade schools is located) and we have just been levied an additional tax to help pay off some of the debts that have been incurred by "OUR" County Commissions due to poor judgment and decision making on your part.

We ask that you please, please do not saddle us with further debt and unnecessary "convenience" for the few people that would benefit from any changes to the current airport.

Sincerely,

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