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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office; Greg Chilcott; Dan Huls; rows@rc.mt.gov; Chris Taggart
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Well water concerns

Hello, giving this another attempt this time with all commissioners on the "To:" line.

From: jim flatblack.net
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:18 AM
To: commissioners@rc.mt.gov
Subject: Well water concerns

Hi,

Over the past years we have seen a Significant growth in our county, nobody can deny that.

We have seen houses pop up left and right, and with every house, is a well. Over the last few months we've been hearing more and more about established wells all of a sudden pulling air, wells that have been fine for decades. Even some that were 5 years old.

It's concerning to say the least.

What, as a county, is being done to monitor and ensure that the growth isn't unchecked and is NOT going to impact existing water supplies and your constituents? I know studies have been done, but from what I hear that was before the boom over the last few years?

What is the current operating procedure and what is the game plan for the next 1 year, 5 year, 10 year and beyond to ensure that we don't turn into a valley of deserted homes due to water shortages that can't be mitigated?

Regards,

Jim Engel

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