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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Mr. Norderud:

These comments are for the record on the draft EA for the Ravalli County airport expansion. As presented, the draft EA is hopelessly flawed. This is a very controversial issue in Ravalli County, and because of this a correctly done EA would have determined that an EIS was necessary. The public notice about the draft EA was totally inadequate, in an obvious attempt to slip a highly controversial proposal past the concerned public.

The EA fails to provide real proof of the current number of B-II aircraft actually landing now and in recent years, nor any valid estimate for the future. (fuel records hidden from the public are not valid information).

The EA fails to provide information from other developed areas on lawsuits and damages awarded as a result of airport expansion.

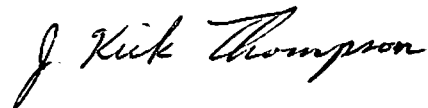
The EA fails to require the county to use eminent domain powers (if needed) to acquire necessary land, thus allowing the landowner to hold taxpayers hostage to whatever price he might require.

The EA fails to fully describe all zoning that will be required as a condition to get Federal funds.

The necessary land required to expand the runway is not for sale at \$8,000 per acre, so the cost estimate is completely flawed.

Some years ago, in order to stop a lawsuit on expanding the airport, the commissioners agreed not to lengthen the runway without approval of voters on that issue in a countywide election. Such a vote must be a requirement in the final decision in an EIS.

Sincerely,



J. Kirk Thompson

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