

Glenda Wiles

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Cc: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Attn: Ravalli County Airport

Sir: I am sure you have examined the learned studies which demonstrate the affects and effects of air pollution on individuals in a closed basin environment, and my words will not contribute to your knowledge. My plea is to examine the entire situation given current reality, and the precarious economic state of Ravalli County.

This valley has as its economic base in tourism and agriculture, both of which will be negatively affected by increased pollution. The population of this county is not wealthy except for the few individuals who will use the proposed airport. The people of this valley worked long and hard to plan together for an airport, the studies of which have been set aside by the present and now outgoing commission. Many of us, retirees, cannot pay for said airport, since the county is in a very bad economic situation due to lack of financial expertise, on the part of the commissioners. (Please examine on line copies of the Bitterroot Star and Ravalli Republic to verify my statement).

Forty five minutes in my car takes me to Missoula County Airport, which houses many individual and corporate jets, and much less time to drive to the up to date Stevinsville Airport. Most of our county commission have practiced cronyism to its highest level, almost as an art form, with business and family interests before that of the health threatened citizens.

Please consider the needs of those of us who live and work here and will be choking on the fumes of jet fuel, dirty air all winter and fire season, noise and reduced tourism against the interests of those who will benefit. Most of those wealthy jet owners don't live here, and they are very few. The cronies and relatives who will get the contracts, sell the real property required and otherwise and get into county finances will. Please consider the demographics of the county and the effects of poisoned air on this population.

Respectfully,

Kathie Roubik, Hamilton