

Glenda Wiles

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Subject: Ravalli County Airport

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this letter in regards to the Ravalli County Airport. As the President of the Recreational Aviation Foundation with 6000+ members in all 50 states we support the effort to expand the Ravalli County Airport. This airport serves as a gateway to many of the recreational destinations on nearby USFS lands, as well as other recreational airstrips that are used by folks from all over the United States. Having this facility nearby is an important component of a much larger network of airstrips.

The continued use and improvement of this facility is also an important component in the Montana Aviation network. Often smaller airports such as Ravalli County are in the shadow of larger facilities, such as those that exist in places like Missoula. I can assure you however that they are no less important and the aviation community values their existence.

Both as a recreational user, as well as a business user I would encourage the expansion being considered.

Thank you for your time.

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