

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 9:50 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Floodplain Meeting

Dear Commissioners,

I am sorry that I am unable to attend the meeting and discussion today about the Bitterroot River floodplain. I am unsure as to what the discussion is about, but I hope that setbacks are not changed without more participation and thoughtful input from the public at large.

The river has been here long before us, and will be here long after we are gone. I approach the river with respect and admiration. We need to continue to respect her clear waters, and especially her banks, which we all know can move this way and that...the power and unpredictability of nature is the driving force here. Please postpone any major decisions regarding the river until we, the public, can exchange thoughtful and respectful dialog about the future of the river. It affects all of us in the valley, whether we choose to realize it or not.

Thank you,
Laura Merrill
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