

To Commissioners -

I would like to urge you not to relax floodplain standards for residential buildings. I believe the Bitterroot is too unpredictable for that, and that the integrity of the Bitterroot's water quality will be jeopardized, and for no good reason. Homeowners with property along the Bitterroot knew when they bought it that the Bitterroot channels are not stable. To demand a "river view" under those conditions is unrealistic, and to jeopardize the water quality of the Bitterroot, or to subject it to even greater mismanagement through efforts to "fame" the river would be a travesty visited on our common river perpetrated by a handful of misguided property owners. This is a ~~person~~ perversion of the exercise of "responsible" property rights.

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