

Glenda Wiles

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Subject: regulation changed on the Bitterroot River

Dear sir.

I float the Bitterroot River often each year. I am adamantly opposed to any changes to the current regulations. I know from over 23 years of floating this river, that it changes dramatically almost every year. Case in point, our River Park became "Creek Park" this year after the river changed course drastically and meandered West into the Fetch Inn property. In some places the river is over 500 yards from its course last year. That's just one example out of many I could show you. I had another friend whose back yard touched the River about five or six years ago. The river is now over 600 yards from his back yard. Areas that were deep channels in one year become high banks the next.

Allowing folks to build anywhere near these fringe areas is asking for lawsuits and lost property, and possibly the channelizing of the river much like the Los Angeles River. The river is one of our incredible features in the Bitterroot Valley. Let's not make it a ditch. It's home to a myriad of different types of wildlife and fish. It would be nice if we all had a view of the river, but let's do it with common sense?

Thanks,
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