

Glenda Wiles

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Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: amending the floodplain regulations

As a property owner in Hamilton, MT who cannot attend tonights meeting about the floodplain regulations, this email serves instead as my way of voicing concern over any consideration to be given to amending the regulations which could end up allowing residential properties to be built along the river where none have existed before. This seems fool hearty on many levels. I would assume that its being taken under consideration to bring in tax revenue to the county through property taxes. While that in fact would happen, the lost revenue from the fishing industry and tourism alone would be staggering for a town the size of Hamilton that benefits greatly from the many activities that exist because of the river. It would not be worth compromising the beauty of the river, the quality of the river, or any accessibility of the river.

Because the levels of the Bitterroot vary so greatly and can be so dangerous in the spring, it would seem especially foolish to allow houses to be constructed on such uncertain and changing ground. The Bitterroot River is a wonderful asset for the town of Hamilton. Please do not entertain in any way changing the floodplain regulations and putting this incredible natural resource at risk. I believe any revenue to be gained is shortsighted at best when weighed against the negative impact that would very likely be a result.

Hamilton and the Bitterroot River as it runs through it currently, need to remain just as they are.

Sincerely,

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