

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Floodplain regulations

My wife and I are writing to comment on possible changes to county floodplain regulations. Please include our comments in the public record.

We urge the commissioners to leave the current regulations in place and not change them to allow development in the flood fringe. Our Bitterroot River is a rare, highly dynamic river, whose flood plain is very changeable, as evidenced by historical maps and residents' own experiences and memories. It would be unwise to allow development in the fringe, exposing the county and us taxpayers to future lawsuits, not to mention the potential harm to people and property.

Our River is an economic lifeline and engine to our valley--recreational jobs, precious water, fish and other wildlife. Its integrity adds to the quality of life here and to handsome property values. Best to err on the conservative side and leave our regulations be. Why try to "fix" what's not broken? Our current regulations are working, and not causing significant harm to reasonable developments. Please leave things be,

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