

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
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I am completely OPPOSED to any changes to the current Bitterroot river flood plain regs. The river is extremely dynamic and doesn't fit into the one-size-fits-all regulations that you seem to be advocating for. While adopting updated and more accurate flood plain/flood fringe designations might somehow be helpful, to use this information to allow building in flood fringe areas is totally unacceptable.

The Bitterroot river is literally the life blood of this valley - a HUGE draw for recreation and tourism dollars as well as the sustaining factor in agriculture. It defines this valley and it's beauty is the main draw for people living here. You could build in the fringe area and insure against loss, but who is going to fund the clean up of washed away houses? Irreparable damage done by septic systems flowing into the river.? Think of the lawsuits.

Putting the source of life for this valley in jeopardy so that a few realtors and builders can make a few dollars is totally unconscionable.

It ain't broke. Don't try to fix it.

thank you for your time.

Mark Van Loon

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"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has it's limits" - anonymous

"You can fake being serious, but you can't fake being funny" - Billy Collins, poet

"The stone age didn't end because they ran out of stones" - Saudi Sheik to OPEC.