

Glenda Wiles

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Subject: Flood Plain regulation decision/ please send to commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I was at the meeting all day yesterday. Sitting through 7 hours of discussion and public comment. Everything seemed to be going well with great discussion between the legal staff, commissioners, and Chris Clancy to not allow building in the flood fringe with Mr. Chilcott's added verbiage. I am just shocked at the quick and haste decision to vote against Greg's motion. What happened?

Please commissioners, rethink your decision on Monday. Let's take our time on the flood plain regs and get it right instead of making a fast decision. Our river is so vulnerable. I have floated it for over 30 years. Every day it changes, every run off it migrates, and this river has a mind of its own. We don't want to keep reacting to the river's movements and rip rapping every stinking bank to protect land owners that should've know better. We don't want to have the Bitterroot Canal. If people want that they can go live near the Los Angeles River which is not one straight concrete canal!

I have been a flyfishing guide on the Bitterroot River for over 20 years, doing over 100 days on the Bitterroot. All of my clients comment on how beautiful this river is, and how it is so pristine and wild. Then, we come around a corner and see a rip rapped house, and my clients are in awe wondering how in the heck that house could be build there??!!!

Greg Chilcott is right, this is about public safety and well being! Building in the flood fringe in NOT!! Please resend or veto your vote and let's do this right.

Thank you,

Jenny West