

Glenda Wiles

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County Commissioners,

I strongly recommend voting against relaxing building development guidelines in and around the Bitterroot River floodplain!

The braiding potential of the Bitterroot River is like no other in the state. Relaxing these development rules would unnecessarily increase the potential for environmental degradation, property damage, loss to cultural heritage, and flood related death. All of the aforementioned issues could lead to negative impacts and liability issues for the County, it's Commissioners, and it's citizens.

If development begins in areas that are currently believed to be floodfringe, but mapping proves to be incorrect, the damage cannot be undone.

The potential for significant river course changes is very real for the Bitterroot. The potential for extreme weather/flooding is always real.

Please do not relax floodfringe development guidelines!

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