

Glenda Wiles

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To: Glenda Wiles
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Ms. Wiles,

It's come to my attention that the Board of Commissioners in Ravalli County is trying to modify riparian zone building regulation that would allow the development of the shores of the Bitterroot River. This is a troubling proposition and should be a decision that comes with a great weight on the shoulders of those on the board. There is no reason, other than pure egocentrism or callus self-interest driven agendas, to abolish stand-off regulations that protect public treasures. The river is not only an aesthetically pleasing feature of the valley, it has multi-use qualities that serve the economy of the valley. To deregulate stand-off is a violation of utilitarianism as well as an invitation to environmental disaster. Don't be foolish. Keep our states riparian zones intact! Reflect on this photograph and then ask why the public shouldn't come knocking on your door if you push to repeal stand-off regulation. Say it out loud for the record.



Photo Credit: DNRC Photo Library. The house pictured above would have been safe from flooding had it been located further away from the river, or possibly if the banks were protected with dense plants, shrubs or trees.

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