

## Chris Taggart

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**From:** Greg Chilcott  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 8:42 AM  
**To:** Chris Taggart  
**Subject:** FW: Saunders Flood plain statement

Please include this email in the public comment/correspondence file for the floodplain regulation revision.

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**From:** Jack K. Saunders [mailto:jms679@cybernet1.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 11, 2015 3:29 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Cc:** Saunders Jack and Marilyn  
**Subject:** Saunders Flood plain statement

To the Ravalli County Commissioners:

There is something improper that would allow for your vote for building in the flood/fringe plain. What has been presented to you by the many voices providing credible evidence against building in the floodplain in the last weeks can be seen in your own mapping process, and in the public testimony and newspapers stating that the people would disallow flood plain/fringe building. How do you see buildings and septic tanks in the flood plain as contributing to the health and safety of the residents or economic health of the valley?

Where is the evidence upon which you are basing your decision to vote for building in the flood plain? Please present this so-call evidence in the newspapers. Going by the permitting process as proposed opens the County to liability and divorces the citizen from the public process, is time consuming and must involve more money. Some of us work. When and where was the transparency in what you decided?

With tourism being one of the major sources of income to the county, you are dismissing the importance of the river and the income it provides to the County and to those using it for their recreation and livelihoods (e.g., jobs?). Have you weighed this against what tax breaks you would provide those building in those same flood plains and in essence, ruining, disabling or denying more of what we currently have in our county? What do you see when you look? Only mountains? Or is there something else? Or, can you truly say it's the health and safety of Ravalli County and its Citizens that you're primarily interested in and not some other entity?

We all enjoy the shade of the trees planted by those who have gone before us.

Please do what you are legally and morally required to do, place your confidence and vote in the field-based regulations that have been in place, the historians and scientists who have gone before you and those testifying to you now, regulations developed over a period of years and remain as evidence today. As stated in the meeting, you are not being forced to change the current regulations. Don't deny what you know to be true and factual.

Sincerely,

Jack and Marilyn Saunders