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

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Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2015 7:51 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Flood Plain Regulations

To Ravalli County Commissioners:

We were disappointed and disgusted to learn that you have unanimously decided to eliminate the prohibition on new residential construction in the flood fringe areas along the Bitterroot River. On an ever-changing river like the Bitterroot this is simply bad business. The river is a prize asset to our valley community and needs to be protected from landfills, riprap, and new residences that could quickly become flood prone. If the current process for obtaining a variance needs to be made stricter, then do it. If there is a flood fringe area, such as west of Highway 93, that seems to be adequately buffered by infrastructure, take the time necessary to make sure.

Ignoring the reportedly unanimous testimony of concerned citizens, including those with specialized experience pertinent to the issue, is totally unacceptable. We urge you to keep the current restrictions in place and initiate efforts to ensure that any variances in the future will be based on sound scientific data, with priority given to maintaining the Bitterroot as the valuable resource it is.

Yours truly,

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