Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Commissioners Iman, Chilcott, Burrows, Hawk and Shallenberger,

We have already sent our testimony to you in support of keeping the added regulations of not allowing fill or building in the flood fringe. However, since that time, we have obtained maps of our area which is on the east side of the Bitterroot River south of the Stevensville Sewer Treatment Plant and north of Park Place south of Stevensville.

In that section probably over one half of the Notaro property is designated Flood Fringe. We have pictures that show the same property has been under water several times during the last 20 years. The rest of the lower bench is sub irrigated and has been historically drained for agricultural use. Before that time, according to Bill Meisner, former Mayor, it was a swampy area with water seeping from the town of Stevensville.

So our point being,none of the lower part of that property (now designated flood fringe) should be filled or built on at all. In discussion with Brian, he assured us of adequate safeguards in the regulations which would take care of that.

However as proposed by Terry Nelson, removing the prohibition on building in the flood fringe could very well make the process more costly, more cumbersome, more involved and more open to litigation and lawsuits. It is not a good idea.

We hope you will assure that there will be no fill or building in the flood fringe.

Sincerely yours,

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