

## **Ravalli County Commissioners Office**

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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** Floodplain Regulations on The Bitterroot

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January 10, 2015

Dear Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that a proposal is before the Board to change the floodplain regulations along the Bitterroot River, thus opening the door to residential building in the flood fringe of the river.

I offer my opinion to you not as a local resident, but as a long time visitor to the area and an avid fly fisherman who has floated the Bitterroot with professional guides many times over the last thirty years.

As a sportsman, the attraction of the Bitterroot rests not only in the outstanding fishery it provides, but equally important is its appeal as a unique, wild river. If development of the floodplain area of the river is allowed, I fear you will sacrifice the wilderness feeling of the river as residential development crowds its banks.

I urge the Commission to preserve the natural beauty of the river for generations to come and to vote against relaxing building development guidelines in and around the Bitterroot River flood plain.

Sincerely,

John Parmenter

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