

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: County Community Decay ordinance
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Dear commissioners - I want to express my dismay at knowing Ravalli County has no community decay ordinance in effect. The attached photos represent the view from our back deck, looking east toward the Sapphire Mountains. We live on Illinois Bench Road; the property with the accumulated junk is on Bighorn Lane. We, along with several other neighbors, have filed formal complaints with Ravalli County Environmental Health to see if something could be done to clean it up. Our complaint was forwarded to state DEQ and they subsequently investigated last August but found no violations. The landowner stated he had use of all the material on site; that's a veiled excuse for accumulating more junk, which he has since DEQ's visit.

Ravalli County is one of the most pristine and scenic areas of the state. Why would we want to detract from that with something like this? Sites like this are prevalent everywhere in the county and for prospective home buyers it is a deal breaker if that's what they are forced to look at.

It's time for the county to step up and enact an ordinance that deals with miscreant landowners and forces them to clean up their mess.

Respectfully,
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