

Glenda Wiles

To: Fred Bringman
Subject: RE: Trash Cans

Thank you Mr. Bringman. I will forward this to all Commissioners so they can address this with the Road Supervisor.

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From: Fred Bringman [mailto:bringman@zotnet.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Glenda Wiles <gwiles@rc.mt.gov>
Subject: Trash Cans

Hello Glenda

My name is Fred Bringman and I live on 3532 Wright Way off Bunkhouse Road out of Darby. Tuesday is the day our trash is picked up. Most of use that live up Wright Way are seniors, many in our 80's. Each week we take our trash containers down the canyon to Bunkhouse Road (in my case it is 1.3 miles each way) on Monday evening and try our best to pick them up on Tuesday. We do make every effort to pick up our trash units but there are times when the snow and ice are a problem or we are ill that it make take a day or two.

Over the last couple of years the road department has made it a goal, summer and particularly in the winter to plow our trash containers into the ditch and most often damage trash containers. It seems that the plowing takes place the day of or the day after our containers are emptied . As scheduled the trash truck arrived this morning on schedule and about an hour later your grader showed up. Your grader leveled every trash can setting along the road. This is just plain stupid. Your road supervisor has made it clear that trash containers along county roads is one of his major priorities, wow, everyone needs a professional goal, but him turning his crew loose with instructions to destroy is simply wrong. I am the young guy up here and I am nearly seventy. I have a hip broke in 5 places and a left leg femur bone broke in two places. After the guy driving the grader left I pulled in up-righted and loaded my trash container. Another container was pointing down into the stream that runs into the Bitterroot River. I was lucky, no damage to my container this time.

I have taken the time to drive around this part of the valley. On county roads all over the southern end of the valley you find bailers, ranch trailers, broken down cars, mail boxes etc.etc. all located on county right of way. Not one time have I heard of the county plowing them off the road.

Look we all do the best we can to remove our trash bins as soon after pick up as possible. Having them plowed over an hour after the trash service shows up is just plain mean. Can you please have your road supervisor use some judgment in this matter. I know the road supervisor will have a dozen reasons redeeming him and his crew but trust me what they are doing is not necessary.

Nothing will come of this complaint but I would ask that this be forwarded to commissioners. Thank you for your time.

Fred Bringman
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