

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Re: Fairgrounds motorsports facility

I grew up in a city that had a stock car track and, believe me, I knew when the flag dropped to start the races every Friday during the racing season. How far did I live from the track?

A little over six miles.

Make no mistake, stock car races might be highly entertaining to those who have paid to watch them, but there will be thousands of people who did not ask for or want that kind of disturbance, and whose property values will be diminished by it, promised (but unverified) noise reduction measures notwithstanding. It's not just the engine noise, it's also the loudspeaker system announcing the race--I currently live about 3 miles from the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, and on a still evening I can hear the announcer at rodeo events.

Will there be dust, too, just to add insult to the noxious emissions and noise injury?

This is simply an inappropriate use for a tract adjacent to an urban, residential area.

It would be bad enough if this were being undertaken by an individual landowner, but to have the County itself backing it would be truly galling.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration of the safety, health, and general welfare implications of this proposal, and your ultimate rejection of it.

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