

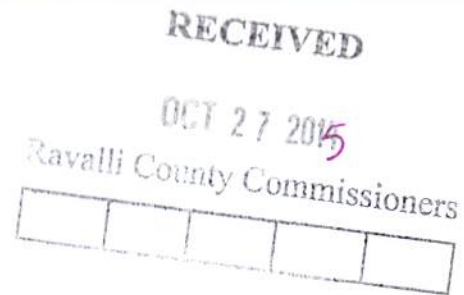


City of Hamilton

223 South Second Street
Hamilton, Montana 59840

October 16, 2015

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 South 4th Street
Hamilton, MT 59840



RE: Request for Information on Motor Sports Complex at Fairgrounds

The City of Hamilton is requesting information about the proposed Motor Sports Complex at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. We have numerous concerns about the complex dealing primarily with environmental considerations and traffic. The site chosen for the complex is right next to housing subdivisions for Stonegate and Arbors, plus future development of property to the north and east. Noise, dust, and contamination of the ground and the water table are just a few of our environmental concerns. The water table in this area is high, which is a concern for oil or fuel contaminants from vehicles and construction of septic systems. The City has several wells where we draw our drinking water that are less than a mile away.

Noise, dust, and light pollution are a concern considering how densely populated this area has become. The race track will have dust, but if the parking lot is not paved, it will also be a major contributor to dust as well. Traffic congestion will also be a factor. The annual fair is a major event, but occurs once per year. This motor sports complex will possibly have feature events every weekend during the summer, which will create traffic loads for Old Corvallis Road and Fairgrounds Road plus US 93 for out of town participants.

We believe this project warrants a detailed environmental impact study from a professional consultant. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want additional information.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Steele
Mayor

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