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Subject: Ravalli County Airport-Montana Guardian Fund Update

I've received many text, calls and e-mails wanting an update of my May e-mail to everyone, so here it goes; Last time we communicated I shared with you the Ravalli County Airport is the busiest in the County, yet, according to the FAA is the most unsafe and serviceable in the State of Montana. The FAA has approximately \$6 mil allocated to build a new 5,200 ft runway, this has been in the works for many years. There is a need for only 126 acres to build a new runway east of the existing runway, making it longer, wider and 100% safe. Chuck, Jim, Myself and many others thought we had a land swap agreed to by Brad/Harold, the owners of the land. Brad communicated to all of us he was going to get this done, well he changed his mind at the final hour and decided he wasn't going to sell! No one knows the reason other than his thought; we should build a new runway right next to the old one with minimal length and unsafe conditions! The FAA, Airport Authorities, County Commissioners all agree it's a bad idea and won't work, all of them thought it was agreed to and ready to go with the new runway..

The FAA will issue another report in October that states the existing runway has cracks and needs to be replaced real soon. The County doesn't have the Capital to replace the existing runway, by Contract they have to keep it safe and serviceable. So at some time in the future they could be forced to communicate to all users of the airport, You use it at there own risks. No charter airlines would land here due to insurance/safety issues.

This effects each one of you now and in the future. Visualize Ravalli County, Stock Farm, Hamilton and thousands of people without a usable airport. Land Prices, Stock Farm Membership, Tiers of Economy will all be effected. Brad has openly stated this is useless land of no value and is in favor of a new runway, but won't sell it for a critically needed runway expansion. We need your HELP and ACTION to try to effect change and get this land traded to Chuck or sold to the FAA/County Commissioners! Our only recourse is your opinion being shared and requesting Brad/Harolds consideration and understanding to sell the land. I really feel sorry for the position Brad/Harold are in, but this would be a very profitable opportunity for their land holdings.

The Montana Guardian Fund was launched in July, this is a Non Profit 501 (c)(3), registered with the IRS. It's dedicated to Providing Financial Support to Families of all Police and Sheriff Officers in Montana who are killed or are victims of traumatic and disabling injury in the line of duty and cannot return to work. Once the MGF is appropriately Capitalized it will include all first responders in Montana. Montana is one of the few states without any financial support for the families. 97% of all donations will go to the families of the First Responders. I've attached a brochure, you can mail your donation to, MGF PO Box 1182, Miles City, Mt 59301. Or go online to www.montanaguardianfund.com for credit card donations.

All the First Responders thank all of you very much that have already donated. We thank in advance those of you that are taking into consideration donating to the MGF in the future.

Have a great week

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