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Ravalli County Commissioners  
215 S. 4th Street, Ste. A  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear County Commissioners,

In regards to the attached letter dated October 24th, 2017 from the Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department to the Victor Rural Fire Department in review of the requested road approach permit, I am writing to you the Commissioners to appeal their decision for the following reason.

They have stated that the reason for denial is that the requested west approach is only 90' from the intersection of Meridian Rd. and Sheafman Creek Rd. and the requirement is for 150'.

The reason the requested approach is at the 90' mark is that there is guide wire from a power pole that could be a potential hazard and is preventing moving the approach to much further to the north. While there is the potential to move the approach to the north a few feet, it may present a hazard by creating a jog in the road and getting to close to the guide wire. Keeping the approach straight with the road seems to be reasonable and additionally when the fire vehicles are on this property filling the trucks, they will most likely have their emergency lights on.

This property will primarily be used as a fill station. Water will be pumped from a well and used to fill fire trucks.

We ask that you consider this appeal and allow for the approach permit to be issued.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Gerhard, President  
Gerhard Contracting, Inc.

cc: Scott Hackett, Chief  
Victor Rural Fire Dept.

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