

## Commissioners

**From:** Ritchie <ritchie.montana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2014 9:48 PM  
**To:** Cary Griffin  
**Cc:** Ellen Condon; Gerry Bates; ethamke@mt.gov; Commissioners; Dan Hooten; Dale Williams; bmeyer@mt.gov  
**Subject:** Re: One last attempt to remove junk vehicles

CC ENV-Health  
Dan Hooten  
made site  
visit -  
2 cars.

To Which It May Concern, I am Mr. Griffin 'so neighbor and I live behind the property in question. Every day I must drive by this junk heap. When we bought our property, the one in front was not abandoned and the trucks were newly placed. I was told by the owner that they were to be restored. That was 2005. I now understand that the delinquent taxes are being paid by a real estate firm in Great Falls, so I am not very confident that the situation will improve. However, as I understand the statutes, the county should remove the eye sore of the trucks. This is a serious matter for me as they significantly degrade the value of my property. I wholeheartly support Mr. Griffin's request to have them removed. Thank you for your consideration.

William S. Ritchie

On Jan 25, 2014 9:23 AM, "Cary Griffin" <[cgriffin@griffinhammis.com](mailto:cgriffin@griffinhammis.com)> wrote:  
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Please advise asap. Thanks!

Cary

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** bmeyer@mt.gov; Dan Hooten; ethamke@mt.gov; Gerry Bates; Commissioners  
**Cc:** Ritchie; Dale; Condon, Ellen  
**Subject:** One last attempt to remove junk vehicles  
**Attachments:** RavalliComplaint712.pdf

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 HAMILTON, MT 59840  
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### OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FORM

#### COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name: Griffin CARY C  
Please Print or Type Last First Middle Initial  
 Address: 5582 Klements Ln  
 City: Florence State: MT Zip: 59833  
 Phone: Day: (406) 273-9151 Evening: (406) 273-0435

#### PHYSICAL LOCATION OF COMPLAINT

Name: Julia Phone: ( )  
 Address: 5616 Klements Ln  
 City: Flo State: MT Zip: 59833

#### PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name: Same? Phone: ( )  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ABOUT YOUR COMPLAINT

Nature of Complaint: Junk Vehicle  Septic  Burning  Garbage  Restaurant  Public Accommodations  Other

Complaint: 3 abandoned Trucks (10 years +/-)

Property is in severe damage / fire hazard

#### SIGNATURE

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana, that the information contained in this complaint is true and accurate, and that any documents attached are true and accurate copies of the originals.

I understand that this official complaint form, once signed and filed with the Ravalli County Environmental Health Office, constitutes a public record under Montana Law that is generally open to public inspection.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/17/12

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Called on: \_\_\_\_\_  Sent Letter on: \_\_\_\_\_  Site Visit on: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanitarian Responding: \_\_\_\_\_

GEO CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

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