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Ravalli County Commissioners

Commissioners,

I am a member and convener of the Bitterroot Valley Global Warming Action Group. As convener I would like to propose that the commission put through legislation to stop Open Burning in Ravalli County. As part of this I would like to see the commission encourage school Districts to follow the example of Darby and Victor and install biomass heating plants that are capable of burning the contents of slash piles burned every spring in the county. I would also like to see the commission ban the burning of fields and drainage ditches. Open burning puts green house gases into the air and has an effect on Global Warming. The first step should be that the permit to burn be issued at a fee so that other methods of getting rid of slash such as chipping and shredding becomes more attractive. The biomass resulting could be mulched or used to heat buildings. Please consider this proposal. Our group would be glad to appear before the Commission to give testimony.

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