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Ravalli County Commissioners

Greetings,
I am writing you to express my disappointment in the current proposal to open a quarry in the lost horse area. I recreate in that area frequently and have often considered moving to the lost horse area. A quarry in that area is a huge mistake in my opinion given the amount of recreation and homes in the area. Montana is a very large state with a small population. How many times have we all been driving around this great state of ours only to relish in the fact that there are so few people here? It just doesn't make sense to put a quarry in an area that is so populated and a recreational destination when Montana, and I'm sure Ravalli county, has other areas where no one lives or recreates that a quarry could be opened. Consider the deplorable conditions of the trailhead to sweathouse falls, when I first tried to find this trailhead a year or so ago, I couldn't believe that there was an actual trailhead anywhere near the industrial site I was standing in, it's pretty sad actually. As a member of Ravalli County Search and Rescue I have had the opportunity to help people in need throughout Ravalli county, most recently rescuing a 22 year old that had become lost on his descent of little joe near bass creek. This young man fell 1000 feet down an avalanche chute with his dog only to come to rest on a ledge no bigger than a desk, with a 700 foot drop below, which his dog went over and died. The feeling of elation I experienced when the air force helicopter was finally able to extract this young man off that ledge was overwhelming. The moral of this story is that I volunteer to assist others in Ravalli county and I feel that doing the right thing is important, it makes you feel good when you do the right thing. I feel the right thing in this case is to avoid opening a quarry in a populated and recreational destination area.

Please make the right choice.
Vote no on this proposal.

Thanks,
Sean P. MacNee

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