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An open letter to the Blaine County Commission regarding proposed additional development of Quigley Farms Subdivision.

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Dear Commissioners:

In 1854 Henry David Thoreau, in his enduring book *On Walden Pond*, wrote, "In Wildness is the preservation of the world." In the current Recreation Element of the Blaine County Comprehensive plan a stated goal is to preserve access to and enhance the development of recreational opportunities within the County while recognizing the diversity of recreation users and the increasing demand for open space by a growing population. While Quigley Canyon is not wild in the context of Thoreau's writings, it certainly represents a space where one can find a ready sense of solace without the trappings of urbana. Its a place where one can quickly leave the hustle and bustle of town life for a leisurely walk up a dirt road, ride a mountain bike trail, or take in several kilometers of ski trail, relatively free from the traffic and noise and congestion just minutes away. Its a place where one's dog can run free, where one's mind can run free, and from which one can return to their urban existence with some measure of rejuvenation. For the health and well being of our community, it is the Quigley Canyons of our County that need to be protected from urbanization.

And, of course, consider the added stress to the wildlife in the canyon that increased development will cause. We have already severely impacted natural migration corridors historically used by deer and elk. Are we willing to add additional strain to those populations.

Are we really willing to sacrifice irreplaceable recreation opportunities, open space, and wildlife populations for the benefit of a few? Commissioners, the answer to that question is in your hands. I sincerely hope that you rule in favor of the vast majority of citizens of Blaine County who have come to appreciate the free and unencumbered value of Quigley Canyon's open space. Please keep it so by denying requests for further development in Quigley Canyon.

Respectfully,

Frank Rowland