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To: Muffy Davis <mdavis@co.blaine.id.us>
Subject: Quigley Ranch Comments

Dear Commissioner Davis,

At this point, I am sure that you have heard a plethora of comments about the Quigley Ranch development. So, before I chime in, I just wanted to say thank you for representing Blaine County and the voices of the taxpaying citizens.

I oppose the Quigley Ranch development and I believe that negotiations and mediations should not be closed to the public. This is a public road that will be altered in a way that does not positively impact the majority of tax paying individuals (technically it will only benefit 24 landowners). Here are my reasons:

- 1) The changes that this development will have on an already narrowing wildlife corridor.
- 2) The drawing of more water in a time where there is an ongoing water shortage
- 3) The danger of natural disasters such as wildfires and avalanches and the strain this would have on our public service providers (whom the taxpayers pay for).
- 4) The increased chance of spreading invasive plant species into public land from landscaping techniques of the new homes.
- 5) The safety of the hundreds of people who walk this road for recreation (not only when they are working, but the added traffic from the proposed parking area at the end of the road).
- 6) The hillside ordinance change can have permanent impacts for future developments creeping up the hillsides. This piece alone keeps our valley as a standout community when compared to other resort communities with no hillside ordinance. Examples would be Aspen and Jackson Hole.
- 7) This is a public road that accesses thousands of acres of BLM and forest service land which will be undergoing permanent, unnecessary changes that will directly and indirectly impact the longevity of these wild spaces that will never be reversed.

The potential impacts of this development are not worth the chance of permanent damage to our community and ecosystem.

Thank you for reading my comments and for advocating for the public to be involved in this decision that has direct effects on the taxpayers who have already shown overwhelming opposition to this matter.

