

Grant Creek Village / 2920 Expo Pkwy Rezoning

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<p>This Cathy Ullrich and I wrote a comment a couple of hours ago. If you didn't read it, ignore this message. I need to correct two items. 1. Our friends names are Bill and Bobbie Weiland not Bill and Billie Weiland. 2. My husband, James, was the one who talked to Bill Weiland, corrected me with the fire evacuation about 15 or 20 years ago. Bill Weiland said the Fire Marshall came to his door to tell them to be on high alert because an evacuation notice could occur at any moment. Also, even though the Weilands had cleared brush around their house, there were tall trees on their property (fire spreads from tree top to tree top) and there lane was narrow and no attempt would be made to save their house. The Weilands decided to evacuate before the last notice and tried to get out of Grant Creek. That is when they encountered the huge traffic bottleneck (at Grant Rd meets the Highway) where other panicked people were going off road in an attempt to get out of Grant Creek. So, even before the evacuation notice, people could not get out of Grant Creek.</p>	5/24/22	Cathryn Ullrich
<p>We built our house in Prospect Subdivision II 29 years ago. At the time we built our house, we knew the plans for future development in the subdivision and elsewhere in Grant Creek. This was not a concern because 29 years ago, Pro Builders (the Dennis Washington construction company that was developing the area around us) said that as the development continued, another entrance/exit to Grant Creek would be built. As of this writing I know of no such plan. I'm sorry I didn't get that statement about another entrance/exit to Grant Creek in writing. About 15 years ago, our friends Billie and Bill Weiland, who live further</p>	5/24/22	Cathryn Ullrich

up Grant Creek were evacuated due to fire. We were told to get ready to evacuate because the fire was out of control. Even 15 years ago, our friends told us about the HUGE bottleneck where Grant Creek goes under the Highway. It was impassable. Panicked people were driving off road in an attempt to get out of the valley. Imagine what would happen if another 1,000 to 4,000 people from approximately 1,000 units were added to that scenario. There is only one way in and one way out of Grant Creek Valley. If at least one (preferably two) entrances/exits were built to relieve the immense pressure in this little valley, I would have no objection to this proposed apt. complex. The people pushing this development do not care about Missoulians--They are greedy people with no consciences. You may think I am being dramatic. I am not. I am a 68 year old woman who has seen things that she thought she would never see. To give you a little background on us, my husband is an Professor Emeritus from the University of Montana. He retired as a computer science professor but he also taught psychology, statistics and mathematics at the college level. I graduated from the UofM with a teaching degree in English, history and political science. I was a banker for 19 years. I was mainly a loan officer. At one time, I managed a branch bank of about 25 people. Part of my bank duties were to teach consumer lenders about new government regulations. Also, I taught computer skills in Missoula, Helena and Butte banks. I worked 6 years at the UofM in the Math Dept. and Davidson Honors College. Jim and I have always tried to give back to this wonderful Missoula community. I started an outreach program to Missoula High Schools to teach young people about how to apply for a loan, how to fill out a financial statement, balance a checkbook, etc. We have both spent many years volunteering to a weekly Meals on Wheels route which was the longest run that went all the way to Clinton. I spent many years volunteering at the Domestic Violence shelter where I would do three shifts a week- one on the Hot Line, one in the Shelter, and one as the runner on Saturday night. Also, I was a

<p>volunteer through Literacy Inter. teaching English in night school to non-English speaking people. I participated in building several houses through the Habitat for Humanity Program, visiting retirement homes to just sit and talk to anyone who wanted to talk, as well as giving time and money to many other worthy causes. To get back to the point, this new proposed 1,000 unit apt. complex would have a devastating effect on the residences' as well as the new apt. renters' ability to evacuate this valley in the event of fire and we all know that with increasing global warming there will be more and more fires. Even in normal daily activities now, there can be a very long line of traffic trying to get out of Grant Creek. People in Missoula may not think this will effect them, but, there are a lot of medical people and other essential people who are fortunate enough to live in this valley. People need to be able to respond to other emergencies. So, if you think this crazy plan to add 1,000 to Grant Creek won't effect you, think again.</p>		