

May 25, 2018

Ravalli County Commissioners
Ravalli County Court House 4th Ave
Hamilton MT 59840

5/30/18

RE: Woodside Cutoff Road Speed limit:

Commissioners:

After listening to the Data report yesterday I would like to submit my ideas as a concerned citizen for you to consider or include in your letter to the Department of Transportation.

I think the correct speed limit is 50MPH.

Currently on Highway 93 the speed limit for the intersection is traveling North and South is 45MPH. If there is a green light I think 55 or 60 is too fast to enter the intersection going East or West.

There has been a resident next to Woodside Cutoff Road feeding the deer in her yard. We have wildlife on the road especially at night when visibility is poor.

There is a pedestrian crosswalk where Old Corvallis Road intersects with Woodside Cutoff Road. At 55 mph how far ahead can you see a child on the crosswalk and how much time will it take you to stop?


We have a narrow bridge crossing the Bitterroot River with no pedestrian path. This is a fishing site and a famous swimming hole which attracts people along the road.

East of Corvallis we are home to Reed Trucking so we frequently see semi trucks on the road.

Woodside Cutoff Road is the major link between two municipalities, Corvallis and Pinesdale. There is heavy traffic at 8:15 AM and 3:30 PM when school is starting and getting out.

As a driver what does a speed limit tell me? It tells me that the experts have determined this is a safe speed for this road. If I am not from the area a slower speed limit tells me that there is things in the area to be cautious of. As a Senior Driver a faster speed limit tells me that not to be lolly gagging and I should be traveling closer to the speed limit and not slowing down traffic.

The letter to the Editor that I have included makes a good point. In the question of someone getting hurt and a few seconds of travel time we should take our time.


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