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Subject: Woodside crossing speed limit

Commissioners:

Thank you for placing on your agenda this issue of significant relevance to public safety and health in Ravalli County. Count me strongly in favor of a 45 mph maximum speed limit for the stretch that is now 60 mph.

Every time I travel from Woodside to Corvallis, I am astonished that the speed limit remains at 60 mph. When I drive it, I drive at less than the speed limit, simply because I don't believe that it's safe. There are too many animals crossing, too many children walking, biking – and driving – and too much traffic in general entering, leaving, and using this narrow road.

Further, I was very disappointed to read in the Ravalli Republic that the bicycle/pedestrian bridge construction has been indefinitely delayed. Whenever I use that stretch on my bicycle, I feel that I am in peril when crossing the bridge. There is not sufficient room for two vehicles AND a bicycle or pedestrian, yet drivers simply do not slow down sufficiently to allow safe passage.

The few extra seconds it will take drivers to negotiate that stretch are well worth the peace of mind for all users.

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