

## **Background & Tips for Sending a Comment Letter on the Gallatin Glampground**

**Background.** Gallatin County is considering issuing a Floodplain Permit to the proposed Gallatin Glampground Project, yet has not considered whether the Project is even allowed because it arguably qualifies as a non-traditional subdivision. A number of local conservation organizations and businesses have petitioned Gallatin County to make an official finding on whether the Glampground constitutes a subdivision under state law and, if it does as the facts suggests, to initiate the required planning and environmental review process required under state law.

**Public Comments are important.** Public comments alert agencies to deficiencies in process and reviews and lay the foundation for future legal and political action. They also signal public concern about the impact of a project on a community, the environment, and taxpayers. Comments do not need to be long or complicated – more technical comments will be submitted by experts.

**Key phrase to include.** To ensure your comments are counted, it's important to include the following statement: **I support the recently filed petition requesting Gallatin County make a finding on whether the Gallatin Glampground Project constitutes a subdivision and requires a thorough review under the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act.**

**Who can comment?** Anyone who cares about the Gallatin River.

**How do I comment?**

- You can e-mail a written comment to: [sean.ocallaghan@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:sean.ocallaghan@gallatin.mt.gov)
- You can mail a comment to: Gallatin County Planning Director  
311 West Main St  
Bozeman, MT 59715

### **Additional Tips for Your Comment**

#### **Introduce Yourself**

- Give your name, your address, and how close you are to the project or how it affects you.
- Provide your occupation or background if you have relevant expertise such as transportation planning, engineering or law.

**State that you support the recent petition ....** filed by various water organizations and businesses requesting the County Planning Department make a finding concerning the Glampground's status as a "subdivision" and corresponding review under the Montana Subdivisions and Platting Act.

**Explain how the Glampground will impact your life and what you care about.**

**Close by requesting the County undertake the required finding on whether the Glampground is a subdivision requiring further review and approval under state law.**

**Be respectful!**