

Good morning,

We are sending this email in response to the Lake Hills Project # PZX-21-00007.

From Edwin Hellier & Crystal Hellier.

Residents at 2000 Greenbriar road Billings MT. 59105.

We have growing concern about the Lake Hills subdivision 39<sup>th</sup> filing project # PZX-21-00007 as to how it will affect Fire department services in the area in battling home fires with the change in proximity with closer structures. Cluster houses built today employ modern construction techniques, including lightweight wood trusses, engineered wood siding and other construction features that ensure a hot fire. Walls are generally not fire-rated. There will be gypsum board on the inside of the exterior wall, but combustible material on the outside of the wall will facilitate spread from the fire building. Windows are likely to be present on the facing walls, and, due to the commonality of designs, there's a very good chance the windows will face each other, which can further exacerbate the potential for fire spread from dwelling to dwelling.

Living in this neighborhood for the past three years we have noticed strong prevailing winds from the North and West. The proposed lot changes we expect the new homes to be no more than 6 to 10 feet apart with, at best, 80 feet of street frontage with small back yards. Our concern is that with high wind possibilities and close building proximity this would create a great danger for fire and hindered ability to fight those fires when they arise.

We request that you reconsider the lot size as laid out in this proposed new subdivision and revise it to make the lot sizes larger to lower this risk.

Thank you  
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