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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns about proposed development at Copper Ridge
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To the Billings City Council,

Below is a letter I have submitted to the Editors of the Billings Gazette, and to the Yellowstone County News. Please consider this as written comment to the council

Thank you, Leslie Cooke, 3251 Rimrock Road

Safety along Rimrock Road will be impacted adversely by the proposed multi-family development in Copper Ridge. Our city needs more housing. But putting high density housing that far out from the core of the city, where services are plentiful, will have a direct impact on vehicle traffic in the Rimrock neighborhoods.

During commuting hours, Rimrock is overloaded, making it difficult for residents to turn onto and off of Rimrock Rd. At night when traffic is lessened, the speed demons are out!

Rimrock has been gradually impacted over the years by the extraordinary amount of development to the far northwest. We need more north/south connectors to move traffic down to east/west arterials that have less residential density.

I call on our City and County leaders to delay this development until a widening of Grand (west of Shiloh) can happen, and suitable north/south connectors can bring commuters from the northwest subdivisions down to Grand.

Further, we need more pedestrian safety measures on Rimrock. I've given feedback in the past to the long-term transportation plan regarding various spots that need crosswalks or traffic signals.

Rimrock Road is considered an "arterial" by the City, despite it being almost 100% residential. Rimrock is a neighborhood street! Residents along Rimrock and the nearby neighborhoods need relief.