

## Husman, Karen

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**From:** Scott Cusanek <scottcusanek@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2025 7:10 PM  
**To:** Husman, Karen  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter of Objection Sent to Planning  
**Attachments:** Signs on River Road.jpg

Karen,

Thanks very much for forwarding the letter so that I might review and better understand Ashley's concerns. As I have been in the business world for the last 43 years, I have learned two very valuable lessons.

- 1) Always attack the problem, never attack the messenger.
- 2) When looking at any problem or concern, strip away the emotion and focus on a logical approach.

I do agree that the area around River Road is a special place, which is what attracted my wife and myself to the area. We also believe that the property on Grandkids Way is an ideal location for a Sportsmans Club based on size and topography. Currently, there are five outdoor shooting ranges in the Billings area that I am aware of, the smallest being a tiny trap club in Huntley. Two of those five clubs have offerings similar to what we are proposing. Both of these ranges, Billings Rod & Gun Club and Blue Creek Sport Shooting are very small in comparison. Both are under 300 acres, one of them with million-dollar homes literally next door. Our intent is to optimize the 872 acres on Grandkids way to deal with noise and also to create buffers to the neighboring properties. A quick look at Google maps shows that Brohaugh Rd runs to the south of this property and the closest point is approximately 1.1 miles.

Let's touch upon fencing as mentioned in Ashley's letter. Our intent is to have the exterior of the property fenced like most if not all is now. Our comments really touched upon keeping the wildlife corridors open. Our goal is to create a Sportsman's paradise that blends into the land. I really cannot speak to some of the other concerns Ashley shared only because they are deeply rooted for her personally and it would be unfair for me to try and respond simply by reading the printed words.

Next item is the Logan Montana shooting range referenced in the letter. **This is EXACTLY what we don't want to do.** A quick search on google gives you all of the details as to what is really happening:

By: MTN News  
Posted 8:19 AM, Jun 05, 2025

**LOGAN — An 86-acre parcel of Montana state trust land near Logan will be temporarily closed on July 7 and 8 for a routine site assessment, part of a proposal to develop a formal shooting range in the area.**

**The land, which features an existing informal shooting area along 2 Dog Road about two miles from Logan, is a popular destination for local target shooters. During this closure, access to the site will be restricted, and all target shooting will be prohibited.**

The reference to "informal" I believe is the problem at hand. Most likely this shooting area started with a bunch of people going out and shooting with no design efforts coupled with no oversight. We are absolutely against this approach and in fact have already made contact with the NRA Whittington Center as they have a range building curriculum.

The idea of poaching or shooting of wildlife on any defined shooting range is really not an issue. I have worked on and shot at shooting ranges all throughout the country. One constant is that shooters on a well-managed range **do not** shoot wildlife. Some ranges designate themselves as animal sanctuaries and as such cannot shoot animals. I've seen and been involved with removing and re-locating rattlesnakes in the southwest. Again, I must stress that the shooting range will be fenced everywhere it borders neighboring land.

In order to do my due diligence, I did review the study referenced. I personally did not come to the same conclusions.

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Fire is most definitely a concern as Ashley mentions. In past years I have contracted to the Blue Creek Sport Shooting range for large events and in doing so have witnessed fires on neighboring farms. Most likely from lightning strikes. This concern is valid and very manageable with the correct design approach.

In summary, we are wanting to create an upscale Sportsmans Club that caters to the Billings area while tapping into the strong outdoor culture of Montana. This is no small undertaking with the first step underway and a timeline of 3-5 years to do it the right way. The support of the County & Planning department is integral to the success of this venture. One additional item to add. If we move forward, my wife and I also have a 1-2 year timeline for us to become Montana residents. This effort in no way will be absentee on our part.

Thank You

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PS ..... I have attached a picture that was sent to me by one of the folks on Grandkids Way.