



June 8, 2006

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Vice Chairman, Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee
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Dear Paul,

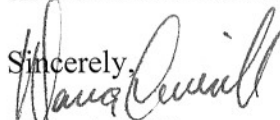
This is a letter of support for the proposed community sewer project engineered by Morrison and Maierle Inc.

This project is desperately needed to accommodate the increased loading of effluent from housing in the area. As a life long resident and large property owner with a 60 year old business that thrives on the lake, I am very concerned with the degradation of the water quality in Woods Bay and Flathead Lake.

We recently acquired the old Woods Bay Marina and Hidden Harbor, which is indicative of the condition of many facilities in Woods Bay, which need updating. Properties are typically smaller lots with drain fields close to the lakeshore. This area may be one of the biggest threats to the quality of Flathead Lake given the gravelly soils with evident leaching. It is prudent at this time to develop a community system to meet the growth of new residents and replace the drain fields feeding nutrients into the lake. The time has come to eliminate dysfunctional septic tanks, (or in some cases, old car bodies) installed before design standards.

Thank you for your efforts to bring a community sewer system to Wood's Bay. This project should be a priority for all citizens and agencies concerned with environmental health.

Sincerely,


Doug Averill