

Health Department – Air Board:

I am writing this letter in order to ask you to address some questions I and many others have on the issue of the change of rules for the use of wood burning

in the Frenchtown, Huson, and Alberton area. My husband Mike and I would like to know why this can't be voted on by the people. We feel like we are being railroaded

into accepting this to be decided by a committee of people that we didn't even vote to appoint for this new regulation for the proposed change of rules on burning wood in Missoula County.

Do any people on this committee have or ever used wood or a solid fuel as a means of heat for their homes during the winter months? This is a seasonal use, most of the time.

Wood and other forms of solid fuel are only burned 3-4 months of the year, many people use wood because they like to go out and get it, it's a productive outing for the whole family, and

good exercise too. We are in a recession. And some of the people are struggling with the cost of fuel and electricity as it is, so why would anyone try purposely to make it harder on

those families?

We would like to be informed of any future meetings on this subject either by mail or e-mail.

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