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Dear Health Board Members,

I understand and support the need to improve air quality in the Missoula regional airshed. However, many people outside of Missoula are still using wood burning stoves to heat their homes, and many of them are not EPA approved. Many of these same people have wood lots or property where they harvest fuel, and don't pay for fossil fuels. Thus, it is critical that these people be encouraged in some way to use the most efficient wood burning stoves possible. I encourage the Health Board to work cooperatively with the community and offer at least a change-out program (including efficient solid fuel burning stoves so people can use the forest as a renewable fuel resource, if they choose).

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jill Clapperton', written over a horizontal line.

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