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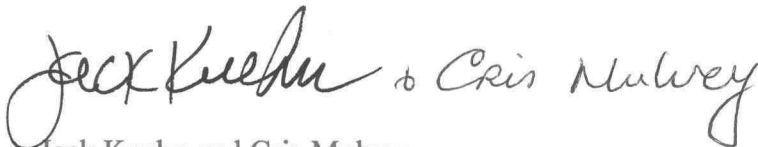
Regulation Comments  
Air Quality  
c/o MCCHD  
301 West Alder  
Missoula, Montana 59802

Dear Health Department;

I am writing to you with a comment on the proposed air quality regulation of solid fuel burning devices. While air quality is important, and regulation of solid fuel usage is necessary in densely populated areas, imposing these regulations county wide would be a significant economic hardship for county residents. It would also make us more dependent on expensive, imported fossil fuels during a time when becoming less dependent on them is necessary. In rural areas, the particulate pollution from wood burning stoves is a drop in the ocean compared to other sources not under control.

If you want to make a significant impact on the environment, regulate the care and maintenance of septic systems instead. Significant improvements in water quality would be achieved if septic regulation were brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and grey water systems were promoted for new construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Kuehn & Cris Mulvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' for Jack and a large initial 'C' for Cris.

Jack Kuehn and Cris Mulvey  
5565 Brady Lane  
Lolo, MT 59847

Also landowners in Potomac.