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Comments: I would like to comment regarding the impacts of fire season here at Ravalli County Fairgrounds. We are an emergency response base for firefighters, we also are an emergency housing facility for animals. We are greatly impacted both by loss of revenue and loss of rental space in the event of wildfire and/or what we deem fire season. The valley fills with heavy smoke making both visibility and air quality extremely poor for livestock and regular household animals. In the event of evacuation, we are one of the only facilities within Ravalli County equipped to house livestock for evacuees. We also serve as a emergency base for Responders and fire fighters. We fully support this proposed action and would offer any services we can provide to assist. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly. Thank you!