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City of Great Falls  
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RE: Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase 1

City Commissioners, City Manager & Mayor Kelly:



I would like to voice my concerns regarding the Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase 1 project.

1. The impact on the business community of Great Falls if Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) were to leave would be catastrophic. To keep MAFB in Great Falls we need to keep our options open. One primary option would possibly be a new mission. Approving the Wheat Ridge Estates project leaves no options for Great Falls and/or MAFB.
2. As shown, in Glasgow, Montana, when Glasgow Air Force Base was closed the City of Glasgow went from a thriving community of 20,000 to a population of 3,316 (2016). Not only did Glasgow lose the population but, a number of businesses either went out of business or left Glasgow. One of those businesses was my father's, Morgen & Oswald Construction Company.

As a general contractor, approving Wheat Ridge Estates would be an opportunity for Oswald Construction Company. But, as a resident of Great Falls, and a concerned citizen I feel the Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase 1 project would NOT be in the best interest of Great Falls and the surrounding area.

Residential projects at this site benefits a few and impacts many.

Sincerely,

  
  
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Douglas R. Oswald, President  
Oswald Construction Company

