

May 15, 2024

Congressman Ryan Zinke  
Kalispell District Office  
923 South Main Street  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dear Congressman Zinke,

As a private citizen residing up the North Fork Road, I am writing to voice my full support for Flathead County's funding request aimed at enhancing safety measures along the road. Living in such a remote area, the safety of our roads is a paramount concern for myself and my fellow residents.

The North Fork Road is a vital route within our community, heavily utilized by local residents, as well as by local, state, and federal agencies. The North Fork Road also serves as an access route for millions of tourists who visit Glacier National Park. Despite its importance, the road presents numerous hazards year-round including washboards and dust in the summer and heavy snowfall and ice in the winter. These conditions, coupled with the road's narrow, winding nature and steep embankments, have unfortunately led to many accidents.

Guardrails along the North Fork Road are a critical safety measure. These guardrails will not only protect drivers and passengers but also emergency responders who rely on safe access to provide assistance in times of need.

I respectfully urge you to consider funding Flathead County's North Fork Road Guardrail project. By doing so, you will improve the road's safety for myself, my neighbors, and the millions of visitors to our region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Address]