

Monica Plecker

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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:07 PM
To: Monica Plecker
Subject: 5337 Abby Rd

Monica,

I am writing to request reconsideration of the removal of the extra footage of driveway at 5337 Abby Road. I understand the county's commitment to maintaining county standards and safety; however, I believe keeping the existing driveway in place provides significant benefits and value to the home and safety to the community.

I often see teachers walking children around the neighborhood from the daycare located just down the road from the address, pedestrians, and dog walkers. The subdivision streets are not compatible with excess roadside parking. The larger driveway keeps most vehicles off the road, out of the way of pedestrians, and the visibility clear for other drivers to prevent accidents. Even with no pedestrians when vehicles are parked on the road, it is extremely difficult to navigate through those vehicles. Furthermore, it is impossible for 2-way traffic.

Due to the number of driveways larger than county standards in Yellowstone County, the expense encured for all homeowners to remove existing driveways whether recent or aged, would cause more harm than good on an already burdened community. As the driveway is well constructed, in good condition, and does not pose any issues such as drainage, removing the existing driveway does not provide a clear benefit.

The culvert will be removed and ditch will be re-constructed and maintained to its original condition around the driveway and the rest of the lot.

I fully understand the county's responsibility to enforce standards. I am requesting reconsideration and a variance for this driveway providing a safer and more practical solution, aligning the broader goal of keeping traffic patterns and protecting pedestrians and other vehicles.

Thank you for your time and consideration, if any additional information is needed, please feel free to reach out.

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