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Building a Health and Wellness Center on a Superfund site? Who would ever think this is a good idea? It would be laughable if it weren't actually a frightening possibility. Not to mention putting the center next to a garbage incinerator that has been releasing toxins into the environment for decades. Afraid of building the Center right where the schools are, so every child in Livingston can learn how to swim--because it MIGHT, perhaps, someday, flood? But it's okay to build it where there has actually been an environmental disaster, a toxic plume of chemical contamination? A recent article in the Enterprise stated that cancer-causing chemicals have been found in the bedrock of the old railroad sites--if you're a construction worker on the Wellness Center project, do you want to be digging a giant hole into toxic bedrock? If you live in the area, do you want all that long-buried toxic dust being released into the air you breathe at your home? I'm just incredulous that this significant problem with the Katie Bonnell Park site hasn't been raised, except to say "Oh, the toxic plume is receding." Receding from where it has already been, and what it has already contaminated. This, in addition to the North side access issues that several folks have so articulately raised, should disqualify the Superfund/Toxic/Katie Bonnell Park site from being considered. One other thing: am I correct in understanding that the final siting decision is up to five (count 'em, 5) individuals? If so, is giving the City Commission the final say a wise idea? I truly hope that all input is considered when making this momentous decision for Park County.