From: Brent Sperry
To: Ben Schmidt; bcc@missoulacounty.us; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: 44 Ranch!!! The air out there
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:57:43 AM

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2021, at 12:47 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:

How ironic

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<image.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2021, at 6:33 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:

The smoke has cleared but you can’t see through the dust. They are doing the best they can at least that is what us homeowners are constantly told

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2021, at 6:15 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:

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> On Aug 24, 2021, at 11:04 AM, Ben Schmidt <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us> wrote:
>
> I was on site yesterday afternoon and this morning. I sent an email to Tracy Campbell asking how often George Elmer was swept and I stated that with all the traffic on site, sweeping frequency would need to be increased. Tracy has not gotten back to me on this this yet.
>
> Benjamin Schmidt, M.S., Q.E.P.
> Air Quality Specialist
> Missoula City-County Health Department
> 301 W. Alder
> Missoula, MT 59802
> Phone: (406)258-3369
> <image002.jpg>
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> **From:** Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 9:58 AM
> **To:** Ben Schmidt <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
> **Cc:** Sarah Coefield <scoefield@missoulacounty.us>
> **Subject:** Re: 44 Ranch!!!
>
> And today
>
> George Elmer Blvd
>
> <image001.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 23, 2021, at 12:35 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> > On Aug 23, 2021, at 12:14 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > Not a drop of water on the ground today, it's almost like they could care less but then there are no consequences so why bother
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > > On Aug 20, 2021, at 8:31 AM, Ben Schmidt <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us> wrote:
> > >
> > > Brent,
> > >
> > > I was able to observe the site on 8/16/2021 between 2:55 and

3:28 pm.
Two out of
three water
trucks were
going, but
with the
large
acreage
under
development,
large
amounts of
dust were
raised
every time
the wind
gusted. I
talked with
one of the
water truck
drivers,
when he
was
heading
out for
more
water, and
asked that
the travel
lanes near
the homes
get more
water.
When I first
arrived on
site those
travel lanes
were dry
and
creating
dust
whenever a
truck drove
there.
Before I left
the travel
lanes near

the homes had been watered, but the wind was clearly raising dust from the entire work site.

The Air Pollution Control Program Rules states that a source must apply all reasonable precautions to prevent fugitive particulate. What this means is open for interpretation to a degree. Based on precedent, the Department can require the site to have water trucks going where traffic is on site and to clean the access roads at regular

intervals. With the wind that was present on 8/16/21, I cannot think of any reasonable measures that would have stopped fugitive dust emissions.

J&J construction has started to water their digging piles better, which does appear to have reduced dust emissions from that operation. I will continue to monitor the site and let the contractors know that I plan to continue to stop by.

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From: Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:28 PM
To: Ben Schmidt <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
Subject: Re: 44 Ranch!!!

Will they have to do anything to mitigate the dust? Do the residents just need to deal with it every time the wind kicks up. I have also contacted

the State to
see if they
have any
suggestions

This is what
my
property
looks like
constantly,
these were
just washed
yesterday

<image001.jpg>
Sent from
my iPhone

On
Aug
16,
2021,
at
11:19
AM,
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
wrote:

Will
visit
them
again
this
afternoon.

From:
Brent
Sperry
<brentsperry10@gmail.com>
Sent:
Monday,
August

16,
2021
11:08
AM
To:
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
Subject:
Re:
44
Ranch!!!

Doing
the
best
they
can

The
water
truck
must
be
broke
down
again

<image001.jpg>
Sent
from
my
iPhone

On
Jul
30,
2021,
at
8:19
AM,
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>

wrote:

Copied
below
is
last
weeks
update
on
this
and
was
there
again
on
7/27/2021

*******,

I
visited
the
site
today
(7/23/2021)
between
12:35
and
1:00
pm
and
the
interior
roads
were
watered
at
the
time
I
was
there.
I
did
note

some
traffic
did
go
off
the
watered
road.
At
1:00
pm
the
operation
appeared
to
be
shutting
down
for
a
time
or
for
the
day.

I
called
Jake
with
J&J
Excavating
to
discuss
the
dust
complaints
and
asked
him
to
keep
most
traffic
on
the
watered

paths.
They
are
required
to
take
reasonable
measures
to
control
dust
and
keeping
most
traffic
to
a
watered
“interior
road”
is
a
reasonable
measure
that
the
contractors
can
do.
There
will
always
be
some
dust
emissions
when
the
front
loader
digs
or
dumps
soil
into
the
dump

trucks
or
when
a
bulldozer
is
in
operation.
I
also
told
Jake
that
George
Elmer
Drive
needs
to
be
swept
clean
again.

I
called
Doug
Smith
Grading
about
the
dust
complaint
from
yesterday.
Gold
Peak
Excavating
on
site
is
subcontracted
through
Doug
Smith
and
so
Doug

Smith
is
the
responsible
party
for
Gold
Peak’s
work
on
site.
The
white
pickup
traffic
is
the
responsibility
of
Doug
Smith.
Doug
Smith
stated
that
they
were
on
site
Thursday,
July
22,
2021,
and
that
they
did
not
use
their
water
truck.
I
told
Doug
that
if

he
has
traffic
on
site,
he
needs
to
use
the
water
truck
before
other
operations/traffic
start.
Doug
Smith
stated
that
he
would
do
better
with
the
water
truck
in
the
future.

I
will
continue
to
stop
by
this
site
when
I
get
a
chance.
If
mornings

tend
to
be
worse,
I
will
not
be
available
for
a
morning
visit
till
Wednesday.
I
should
have
time
on
Monday
and
Tuesday
afternoon
to
visit
the
site
if
you
or
someone
else
sees
traffic
occurring
on
dry
dirt.

I
believe
Tracy
Campbell,
Regulatory
Compliance
Manager

with
the
city,
has
also
talked
to
the
contractors
on
site.
I
will
see
if
I
can
get
any
other
information
from
her.

Sincerely,

Benjamin
Schmidt,
M.S.,
Q.E.P.
Air
Quality
Specialist
Missoula
City-
County
Health
Department
301
W.
Alder
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3369

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Subject:
44
Ranch!!!

Ben-

My
wife
and
neighbors
have
sent
you
several
complaints
regarding
the
new
construction
project
north
of
our
homes.

Today
I
got
home
from
work
at
~4:45.
Please
see
attached
pictures.
As
I
hear
you
are
the
health

department
contact.

Would
you
enjoy
the
dust
created
here
today
and
everyday
coming
into
your
house
and
blanketing
everting
with
the
dust
created
on
this
project?

This
is
becoming
an
out
of
control
project
that
is
governed
by
no
one.

After
the
pictures
taken

they
pulled
out
the
water
trucks.
Not
sufficient
or
respected.
I
know
from
my
wife's
emails
that
you
have
come
back
in
a
very
aggressive
manner.

I
don't
want
this
to
become
a
battle.
I
/
we
in
our
neighborhood
want
this
issue
resolved
at
once.

We
own
and
live
here.
Maybe
it
would
be
a
wise
choice
to
fine
and
have
Tollefson
Construction
pay
to
have
all
our
houses
cleaned
every
week
due
to
their
incompetence
to
care
about
the
effects
their
construction
is
doing
to
the
people
who
live
here

and
at
Flynn
Ranch.
It
is
getting
ridiculous.

I
know
the
city
could
care
less
due
to
the
money
they
are
making
and
will
make
for
years
to
come.

But,
as
an
individual
that
is
within
the
health
department,
that
is
in
a
position
to

care
about
the
health
of
all
the
citizens
of
Missoula
I
believe
this
issue
needs
to
be
addressed
by
you.

Please
feel
free
to
call
or
email
me
at
your
discretion.

I
am
always
available
to
discuss
this
continuous
issue.
Seems
that
no
one
truly

cares
about
the
people
who
live
in
our,
once
peaceful
community
Messages
and
attachments
sent
to
or
from
this
e-
mail
account
may
be
considered
public
or
private
records
depending
on
the
message
content.
Unless
otherwise
exempted
from
the
public
records
law,
senders
and
receivers
of
County

email
should
presume
that
the
emails
are
subject
to
release
upon
request.
This
message
is
intended
for
the
use
of
the
individual
or
entity
named
above.
If
you
are
not
the
intended
recipient
of
this
transmission,
please
notify
the
sender
immediately,
do
not
forward
the
message
to

anyone,
and
delete
all
copies.